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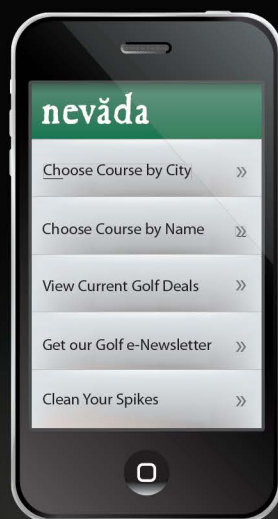
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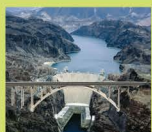


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- ▶ The University of Nevada, Reno, in cooperation with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, sent a team of archaeologists to excavate the site of an early Virginia City hospital. **By Adam Robertson**



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The Photo Issue

Nevada Magazine Art Director

Tony deRonnebeck is not one to get overwhelmed. But I'm fairly certain I saw a glint of bewilderment—if just for a second—in his expression when he returned from vacation in early July to a stuffed e-mail inbox that contained hundreds of submissions to this year's Great Nevada Picture Hunt photo contest (on top of those he had fielded prior to his vacation).

While Tony would admit that looking through more than 1,000 Nevada images isn't the worst way for him to spend time in front of a computer, narrowing them down to a couple dozen finalists had to be a bit daunting.

But it's a great "problem" to have, as they say, and it means that we're receiving more and more entries every year. Not only does the photo contest provide a great collection for you, the reader, to admire (see winners on page 56), it also gives us future story ideas and insight into the spectacular people and places in Nevada that we might not know about otherwise. Mostly, though, we appreciate quality photography. So thank you for all the creative, inspiring, and timely submissions. We're just sorry we can't dedicate more pages to the 2012 photo contest.

So we did the next best thing...and dedicated a good chunk of this issue to exemplary photography. It begins with our intriguing cover shot, segues into the golden Autumn images found in the Visions department, moves on to the gritty essence of Reno's MidTown District, covers the colorful Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, and bookends with Robert Massey's creative fly-fishing self-portrait in Wilson Canyon.

But the meat (quite literally) of this "photo issue," as we've referred to it during the creative process, is Rachid Dahnoun's personal images of modern ranching in Nevada, starting on page 68. Earlier this year, Dahnoun approached us with a great idea—he would photograph ranchers in their element during a hard day's work on the range, then take black-and-white portraits of them before they cleaned up for the evening. The result is a very real look into an industry that is the core of rural Nevada. All of the ranches featured have existed for more



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I took this photo of my reflection on the nose of a plane at the National Championship Air Races and Air Show, which returns to Reno Stead Airport September 12-16.

than 100 years, and some trace their roots to pre-1864, the year Nevada was granted statehood.

In our July/August 2009 issue, we published a story entitled, "Rescuing the Range." In that feature, which took an in-depth look into the state of the ranching profession in Nevada, Carson Valley rancher Fred Stodieck was quoted: "It's getting to where it's almost too much for me. I've contemplated selling off the cows and just renting the pasture."

While times were tough then for some ranchers, as author David Bunker so eloquently illustrated in words, Dahnoun's photos send quite the opposite message: These particular ranching families are prospering—perhaps more now than at any point in their storied histories.

But don't take it from me. Instead, let Dahnoun's photos tell the story.

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ADAM ROBERTSON



A Reno native and *Nevada Magazine* intern, Adam Robertson is currently a student at the University of Nevada, Reno studying print journalism. With an extensive background in theater and special events, he loves

attending shows and events of all genres. He is also fascinated by the history of his home state and enjoys learning more about it—which he did for this issue's "Grape Stomp" story. Robertson expects to graduate from his hometown college after the current fall 2012 semester.

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DENA M. SEDAR



Dena M. Sedar is the archaeologist and curator at Overton's Lost City Museum. She is a graduate of both the University of Wyoming, where she studied archaeology, and the University of

Washington (museumology). During her career as an archaeologist, Sedar has worked throughout the West, including Wyoming, Colorado, Washington, and Nevada. Sedar has had a love for history from a young age, and that passion is still evident in this issue, in which we publish excerpts from her new *Images of America* book, "Nevada's Lost City."

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REMEMBERING MAZUMA

I found the July 18, 1912 Mazuma flood story [see above] very interesting. My family lost three boys and an aunt in the flood. My father is the 8-year-old, Lewis Kehoe, who was able to save himself by clinging to a board.

There are a few corrections to the story I would like to make. The names of the parents of the children are: John S. Kehoe (not William) and Mamie J. Kehoe (not Edna). The family spelled their name Kehoe at that time. My father, Lewis, changed the spelling to Kehoe.

The three sons who were lost in the flood were: Cletus J. Kehoe, age 6; George S. Kehoe, age 4; and Ronald W. Kehoe, 18 months. Thank you for printing the story and allowing me to remember that this event took place 100 years ago.

William J. Kehoe, Chico, California

In the article, "Mazuma Wiped Out," from our July/August 2012 issue, we also incorrectly spelled William Kehoe's father's name as "Louis."

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I took a trip to the Mazuma town site on July 18, 2012—the 100-year anniversary of the Mazuma gullywasher. My great-grandmother was [postmistress] Maude Edna Ruddell, [who died in the 1912 flood].

Tim Ruddell, Agua Dulce, California

MEMORIES FLOOD BACK

I just want to let all of you at *Nevada Magazine* know that I have been enjoying the last several issues very much. They inspire me to go on Nevada road trips. Last summer, my wife and I made it all the way across Highway 50; that was interesting, like going back in a time machine. In the July/August [2012] issue, the stories on Nevada floods were interesting. My family and I were stuck in Reno during the January 1997 flood, and it ended up being quite an adventure...

Paul Petterson, Daly City, California

PEPPERMILL RENO'S "BEST OF NEVADA" AWARDS

Very well deserved! We have made the trip from Klamath Falls, Oregon to the Peppermill at least twice a year for many years. Perhaps an article about the "greening" of this great place through the use of geothermal [energy]. What a story that is! We have also enjoyed *Nevada Magazine* for many years and never more than now. You have done a great job remodeling the old girl.

Byron and Lee Beach,
Klamath Falls, Oregon



This Carson Valley owl in flight was one of the finalists in *Nevada Magazine's* 2012 Great Nevada Picture Hunt photo contest.

PHOTO: JOHN T. HUMPHREY



KNOW YOUR NEVADA

Musings from a Photo Contest Judge

Dear Friends,

As I enjoyed viewing the finalists as a judge in *Nevada Magazine's* 2012 Great Nevada Picture Hunt photo contest, I was reminded of one of my favorite duties when I was State Treasurer. My office had the privilege of conducting the contest for the design of Nevada's quarter. After hundreds of entries and tens of thousands of votes, the final choice depicted a trio of wild horses, with the sun setting behind snow-capped mountains and framed by the state flower, sagebrush.

Like the Nevada Quarter Contest, I saw many familiar and well-loved subjects in this year's photo contest—Nevada's wild mustangs, desert bighorn sheep, Hoover Dam, and the Silver State's rich mining heritage, to name a few.

The finalists in the City Limits and Wide Open categories clearly show the photographers' love and appreciation for Nevada's magnificent and varied landscape. The images took me on a journey of incredible vistas spanning the state: west to Lake Tahoe and Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation, south past Walker Lake and Tonopah's Crescent Dunes, and southeast to Cathedral Gorge State Park and Hoover Dam. I also saw the fabulous new architecture that continually changes the Southern Nevada skyline.

During my travels around the state over the last 22 years, I have seen firsthand so many of Nevada's gorgeous panoramic views and have driven



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through its quaint historic towns. The comparison shots in the Then & Now category showed both how much has changed over the years and, in some places, how much has stayed the same.

I'm sure I've met some of the folks portrayed in the People section during my travels—or at least a close relative! These diverse faces show our state's unique character. Nevada's varied wildlife is another favorite subject and is well represented in the Nature category. Photos of a camel from the Virginia City International Camel Races and a "snickering" wild mustang could have been entered in the People category their faces are so expressive.

Thrilling sightings of Nevada's wildlife—mustangs, bobcats, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, and our many feathered friends are waiting for visitors who stray off the beaten path. The colorful American white pelicans at Pyramid Lake and the bald eagles of Carson Valley make for great photo opportunities. My windows at the State Capitol in Carson City frame a visiting owl or two every spring.

I invite you to take an armchair tour of Nevada through the creative lenses of these talented shutterbugs as you admire the winning entries of the 2012 Great Nevada Picture Hunt starting on page 56. Enjoy! ▀

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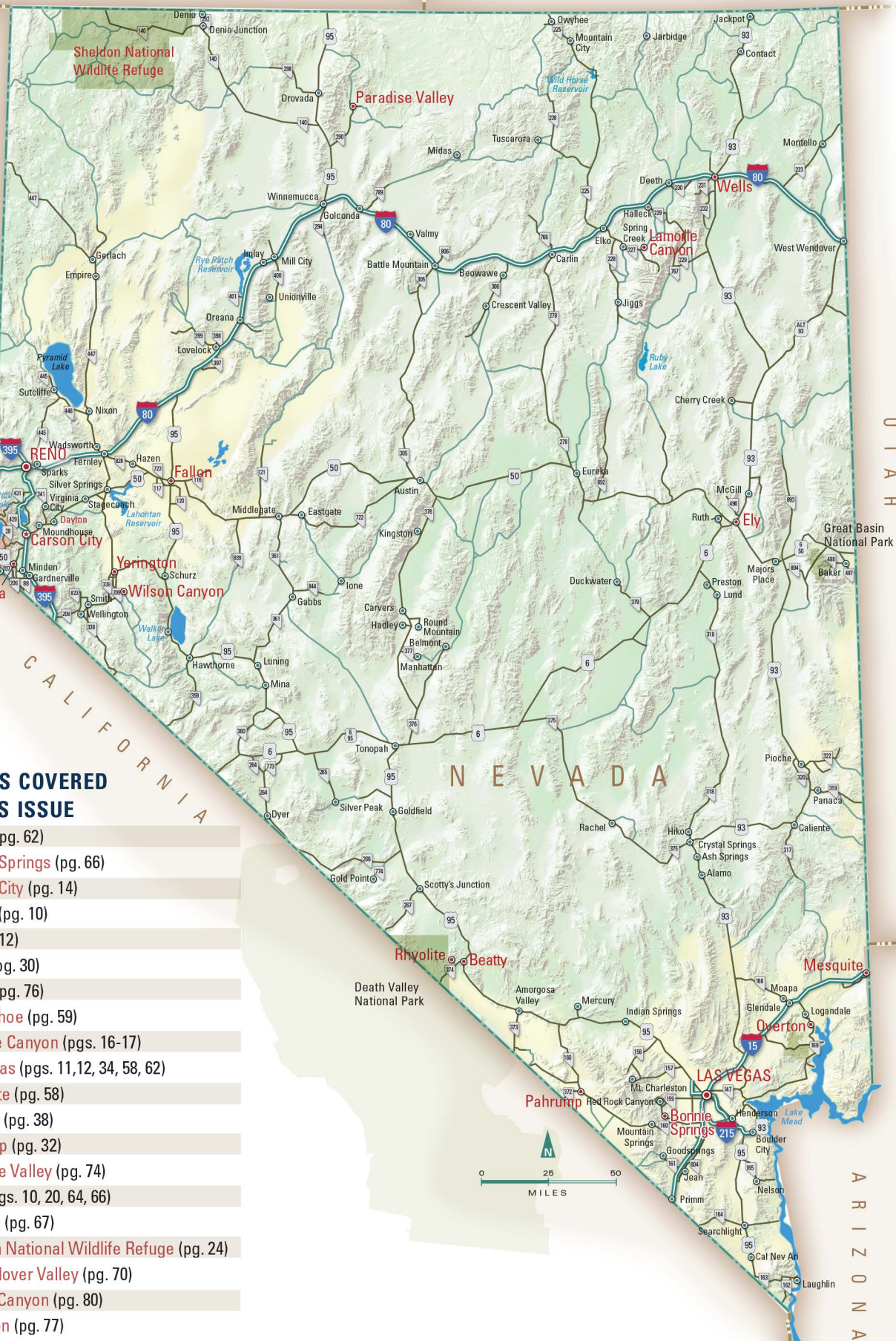
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At 1,722 feet, the Galena Creek Bridge (above) is the longest concrete cathedral arch bridge in the world. Nevada Department of Transportation Public Information Officer Scott Magruder (inset) gave *Nevada Magazine* a tour of the I-580 Freeway Extension before its mid-August opening.



Freeway Extension Connects State Capital to Reno

Nevada Magazine's predecessor, *Nevada Highways and Parks*, was originally produced by the State Highway Department (now the Nevada Department of Transportation). Understandably, early issues of the magazine were filled with descriptions and black-and-white photographs of new highways and byways, bridges and underpasses, roadway fills and roadway cuts.

Now, 76 years after the magazine's birth, one of the largest and most ambitious highway projects in the state's history brings road construction back into the pages of *Nevada Magazine*. The U.S. Highway 395/Interstate 580 Freeway Extension from south Reno to Washoe Valley at long last creates a freeway connection from Carson City to Reno, its international airport, and the nationwide Interstate System. Before the extension opened this summer, Nevada was one of a handful of states without interstate access to its capital city.

In the making for more than a decade, the \$550-million, 8.5-mile freeway extension includes nine bridges, four of which employ state-of-the-art de-icing systems (pictured at right) that automatically spray a salt-brine solution on the bridge decks when the temperature dips below 30 degrees. At 1,722 feet across and more than 300 feet high, the Galena Creek Bridge is the longest concrete cathedral arch bridge in the world. The six-lane thoroughfare is said to cut travel time between Carson City and Reno by six to eight minutes.—*Story & Photos by Charlie Johnston*

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LOOKING BACK

See page 41 for more landmark road projects in Nevada's history.





TONY DERONNEBECK

MUSEUM

Historical Society of Dayton Valley Honors One of Nevada's First Settlements

Occupying a former schoolhouse built in 1865 at the corner of Shady Lane and Logan Alley, the Dayton Museum celebrates the 161-year history of the 1851 town and surrounding region. Established in 1994, the museum houses historic memorabilia, quilts, and photos. The volunteer-operated museum is open Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays 1-4 p.m. March through November, and by appointment only in winter. daytonnvhistory.org, 775-246-3527

RESCUE ZOO

Lions and Tigers and Bobcats, Oh My!

Just about everyone has a favorite exotic animal, and while many of us are content admiring lions and tigers in zoos and on *Animal Planet*, some people choose to raise them as pets. But as tempting as owning a big cat sounds, it's rarely easy for the owner or healthy for the animal. That's where Nevada's Safe Haven Rescue Zoo comes in.

When ill-prepared roadside zoos and private owners learn their mistakes, the sanctuary is prepared to take and care for their exotic animals. Safe Haven unofficially began operations in Northern Illinois in 1999, when founder Lynda Sugasa rescued an injured opossum. By 2006, the zoo outgrew its Midwest home and moved to a 160-acre property off State Route 400, about midway between Interstate 80 (exit 149 at Mill City) and Unionville in Buena Vista Valley.

Today, Safe Haven is home to nearly 20 animals, including Siberian tigers, African lions, and a Canadian lynx. One of about 30 facilities of its kind in the country accredited by the American Sanctuary Association, Safe Haven boasts large private and paired enclosures for its animals and a new, nearly 3,000-square-foot educational and animal care building.

Safe Haven also hosts field trips for regional schools and enthusiastically encourages visitors.

The best times to visit (you'll need an appointment) are in the morning and evening; midday summer visitors often find that the animals retreat to their dens to beat the heat.

Annual animal sponsorships at Safe Haven are a great way to support the nonprofit facility and are tailored to fit any budget, from \$250 sponsorships of African lions Ifaw and Kovu to \$25 for desert tortoise Mojave Moe. Safe Haven plans to hold a fundraiser at the Reno Art Source Gallery on Saturday, September 22 and host the Tiger Dash 5K run and walk on Saturday, October 13.

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CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Safe Haven's Animal Care and Education Supervisor Melanie Stephens feeds African lion Kovu a piece of chicken during a late morning in July. The red mark on Siberian tiger Choi-Hu's tail is just paint; she is an accomplished artist, and the zoo has even sold some of her paintings.



Natural light, a copper fireplace, and original Vladimir Kagan furniture welcome visitors to the Morelli House living room.

HISTORY

Morelli House is Named to National Register of Historic Places

Built in 1959 by Antonio and Helen Morelli, the classic, mid-century modern Morelli House was slated for demolition before it was rescued and relocated to downtown, where it became the headquarters of the Junior League of Las Vegas. The house was listed on the Nevada State Register of Historic Places in 2001 and the City of Las Vegas Historic Property Register in 2007. The Junior League completed restoration in 2009 and, just this summer, the Morelli House was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The public may view the historic home during free open-house events held several times throughout the year or by booking private tours for groups of 10 or more. jllv.org, 702-822-6536

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◆ The **Las Vegas Legends** indoor soccer team was introduced in June as the newest expansion team in the Professional Arena Soccer League. "Residents of Las Vegas are craving more professional sports, and we are sure they will really enjoy the action and competitiveness of indoor soccer," says Legends Managing Partner Meir Cohen. The Legends will host a preseason game on Thursday, October 18 at the Orleans Arena, where it will play its 2012-13 home matches. lasvegaslegends.com

◆ **Virginia City's Historic Fourth Ward School Museum** opened its Archives and Research Center earlier this year. The collection consists of historical documents, photographs, maps, books, and memorabilia pertaining to the Fourth Ward School, Comstock and mining history, and genealogy of local families. fourthwardschool.com, 775-847-0975

◆ **Freeway murals** along the Carson City section of the Interstate 580/U.S. Highway 395 Freeway Extension dress up the otherwise drab ramps and interchanges. The theme of the art installations is "history in motion," and they depict images such as the Pony Express, stagecoaches, trains, ranching, Basque sheepherders, and American Indians.

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◆ **David Walley's Hot Springs Resort** in Genoa celebrated its sesquicentennial in July. The 150-year-old getaway opened in 1862, two years before Nevada gained statehood. davidwalleys-resort.com, 800-385-0126

◆ **Reno's Pedal Express** offers visitors to the city's downtown area an alternative and green means of transportation via pedicabs. The two-seat bicycle rickshaws offer basic taxicab-like service as well as wedding, tour, and scavenger-hunt packages. pedalexpress.net

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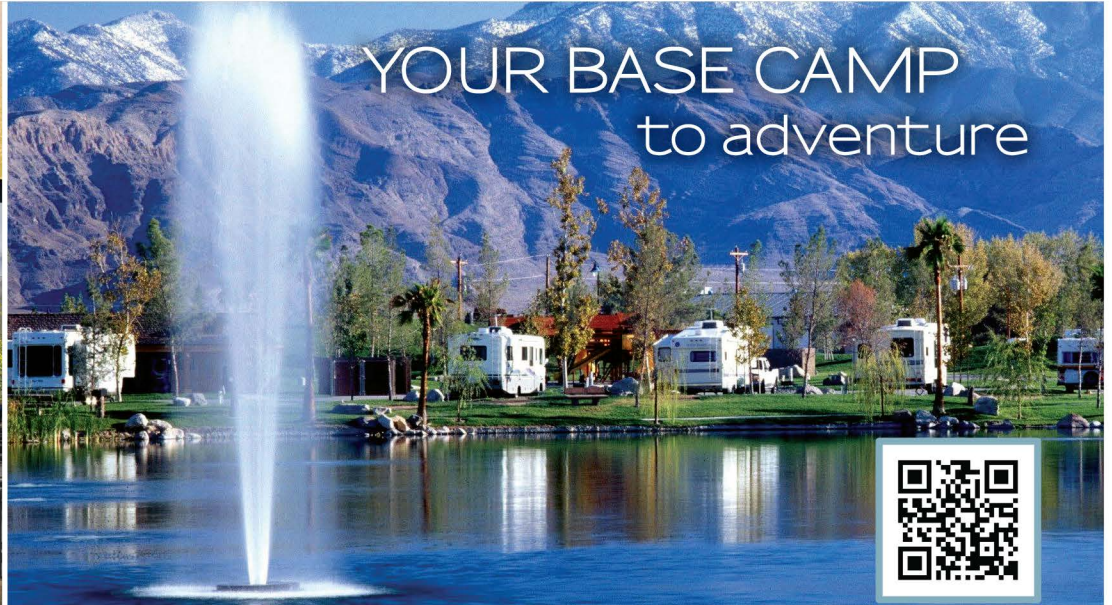
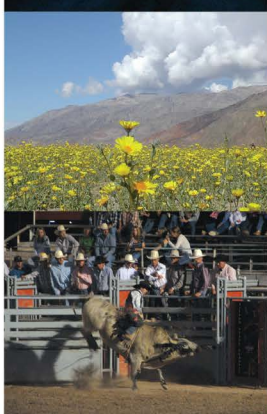
French Merci Train Returns to Carson City

In the wake of the destruction wrought throughout France during World War II, the people of the United States sent their condolences and aid in the form of the Friendship Train: 700 boxcars loaded with food, clothing, supplies, and items to help the war-torn French people. In response, the French sent the 49-boxcar (one for each of the 48 states at the time and one split between Washington D.C. and then-territory of Hawaii) Merci Train, loaded with gifts to thank their American allies.

The exhibit *GIFTS of HEALING: French Travel Posters 1945-1949* at the Nevada State Museum, Carson City features artifacts



from the Merci Train, including 21 hand-painted posters depicting French regions, children's toys, war medals, family heirlooms, and a one-of-a-kind wedding dress made in Lyon, France specifically for the Nevada car. The exhibit was temporarily closed in August for the Carson City Mint Coin Show, but is scheduled to reopen for viewing by the start of September. The Nevada State Museum, Carson City is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. nevadaculture.org, 775-687-4810



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Autumn in Nevada

Photo by Dave Quandt

Inset Photo by Dini Esplin

In June, we had a request from *Sunset* magazine: What are the best places to see fall scenery in Nevada? We knew of some gems ourselves, but we wanted the input of the folks who know best: our fellow Nevadans.

So we took to Facebook and also asked our pool of freelance photographers the same question. See our list on page 18, with some spectacular photos in between. Did we miss any? Please let us know.

On this page, Quandt captures a group of antique car enthusiasts from Carson City motoring up Lamoille Canyon Road, a National Scenic Byway. Esplin's photo is also taken in the tree-filled canyon.

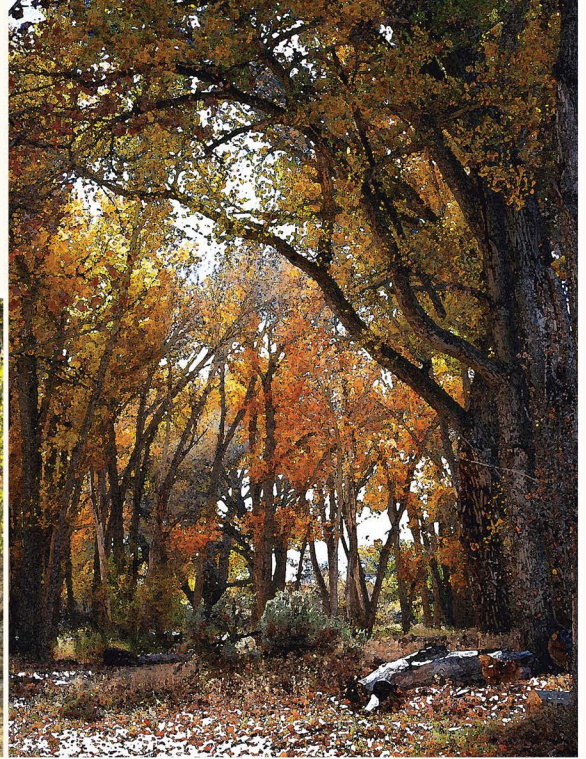




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This dirt road parallels Battle Creek, on the east side of the Ruby Mountains, on the way to Battle Creek Mines. PHOTO BY RONNIE L. GREATHOUSE

Deer Run Road in Carson City offers drivers access to some of the city's most spectacular fall foliage. PHOTO BY NANCY HULSEY



SCENIC FALL DRIVES & HIKES

- ◆ Cave Lake State Park (Success Summit Loop)
- ◆ Columbine Campground (Arc Dome Wilderness)
- ◆ Dayton State Park
- ◆ East Fork Carson River/Carson Valley
- ◆ Genoa (State Route 206)
- ◆ Lamoille Canyon Road (Ruby Mountains)
- ◆ Mount Rose Highway/Galena Creek Regional Park (S.R. 431)
- ◆ Peavine Campground (Arc Dome Wilderness)
- ◆ Rainbow Canyon (S.R. 317)
- ◆ Six Mile Canyon Road (Virginia City to Dayton)
- ◆ Spring Mountain Ranch State Park (S.R. 159)
- ◆ Spooner Lake/Marlette Lake (S.R. 28)
- ◆ Unionville (S.R. 400)
- ◆ Verdi (S.R. 425)
- ◆ Washoe Valley (S.R. 429) & Washoe Lake State Park (East Lake Boulevard)
- ◆ Wilson Canyon (S.R. 208)/Mason Valley/Smith Valley

State Route 317, notably the gateway to Kershaw-Ryan State Park, is known locally as "Rainbow Canyon." PHOTO BY PATRICE MICKOWSKI

Spring Mountain Ranch State Park off S.R. 159 comes alive in the fall, when the park hosts living history programs. PHOTO BY CHRIS NUNEZ



Flying Tiger

Like many ranges in Nevada, the Cherry Creek Mountains burst with color in the spring. Photographer Arla Ruggles discovered this Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly, which had landed on a purple lilac, during the month of May in her hometown of Cherry Creek in eastern Nevada.

PHOTO BY ARLA RUGGLES

See more of Ruggles' work at greatbasinlife.com.

ART DIRECTOR'S CHOICE

Each issue, Art Director Tony deRonnebeck will choose a photo from our Nevada Photographers Facebook group to be showcased on this page.

Fiery Flower

Reno photographer Neil Lockhart found this lady in red on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, a designated state arboretum. "Using an off-camera speed light set below and behind the flower, I achieved this image by letting the light shine through the translucent petals," he says.

PHOTO BY NEIL LOCKHART

See more of Lockhart's work at neillockhartphotography.com.

GROUP CHOICE

Each issue, our Nevada Photographers Facebook group votes for their favorite photo out of three selected by the Nevada Magazine production staff.





NEIL LOCKHART

Beer & Clothing in Reno

Hunter S. Thompson would have appreciated the MidTown District. You will, too.

Aces Tattoo (above) has been a MidTown District mainstay since it opened 1995, and it's been voted Reno's best tattoo shop in the *Reno News & Review* for the last 11 years. The selection at Craft Wine & Beer (opposite page, top) is daunting. Luckily, the staff is more than happy to suggest—and pour—a drink to fit any taste. Midtown Eats (opposite page, bottom) is one of MidTown's most popular eateries.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Reno's MidTown District is just that, *the middle*.

It's the place where the jackpot highs of a casino town meet the down-and-out lows of games of chance; where tattoo parlors and adult novelty stores encounter trendy restaurants and family-oriented neighborhoods; where funky boutiques congregate near the hometown hardware store; and where smoke-filled dives and Pabst Blue Ribbon beer assemble with hip bars and fancy mixologist-designed cocktails.

The contrasting qualities of MidTown might create an identity crisis anywhere else; but here, in the tight-knit heart of Reno, they come together to create a neighborhood that warmly embraces diversity and enthusiastically celebrates uniqueness. A little rough around the edges? Sure, but the area is surprisingly refined and endlessly charming when you really get to know it.

MidTown, like most of the country's hippest neighborhoods, is not an early riser. Many of its businesses toy with the idea of opening in the late morning, but nothing really starts to happen until well into the afternoon. Perhaps the morning malaise can be attributed to Shea's Tavern's signature drink (Jameson whiskey, straight up) or any of the libations that flow freely most nights of the week at Chapel Tavern, MidTown Wine Bar, and others from the staggeringly long list of watering holes scattered around the neighborhood. In addition to liberally serving their patrons, MidTown's bars, taverns, and saloons serve as gathering places—

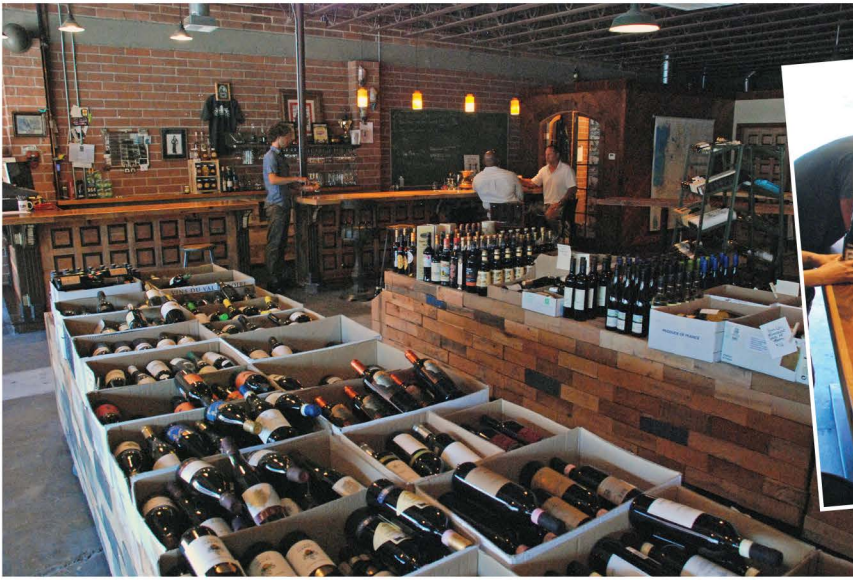
some even offer free WiFi for faster posts and tweets.

The Hub Coffee Company is the exception to MidTown's a.m. ambivalence. The appropriately named coffee shop's clutch of small tables is rarely empty, and, like the bars in the evening, The Hub plays the role of neighborhood nerve center.

While the majority of MidTown's shops, bars, and restaurants are on—or very close to—South Virginia Street, some of its best finds sit quietly a few blocks off the main drag. Local shops Never Ender, Classic Skate Shop, and Golden Seam share a converted 1930s home on quaint, tree-lined Thoma Street. The brainchild of Amber Solorzano, Never Ender was born in 2004 as a combination art gallery and fashion boutique. Today, Amber's mom, Melanie Crane, manages the store and oversees its ever-changing selection of original clothing, jewelry, and art.

Literally through Never Ender, tucked into a former back bedroom of the brick house on Thoma, Eric Lantto's Classic Skate Shop is one of only two skate shops in Reno. "I'm in my 40s and still skateboard every day," Lantto says. "I love skateboarding and wanted to offer an old-school skate shop." Lantto's small shop bucks the trend of larger skate shops that primarily offer clothing, shoes, and lifestyle accessories and instead focuses on the basics: decks, trucks, wheels, grip tape, and a small spattering of shirts and hats. Vintage shoes, clothing, and accessories are the mainstays of Golden Seam, which occupies another former bedroom of the house behind the kitchen.

On the quirky, rather, *very* quirky side of MidTown, Junkee



CHARLIE JOHNSTON (ABOVE & RIGHT)



Clothing Exchange is probably the most interesting clothing store in Reno. Specializing in funky retro duds and one-of-a-kind items from local designers, Junkee is the place to shop for unique outfits, playa wear (clothes for Burning Man), and rayon shirts right out of “Saturday Night Fever.” In true MidTown fashion, Junkee shares its sprawling building with a vast antique store. Speaking of Burning Man, The Melting Pot is one of the neighborhood’s longest-lived and most recognized stores and offers a great selection of playa wear, dust goggles, unique jewelry, and myriad curios.

For statements that can’t be made by way of funky clothes, some of the most reputable body art studios in Reno are among MidTown’s most popular destinations. Black Hole Body Piercing can put a hole—or holes—in pretty much any body part its customers desire, and tattoo parlors such as Aces Tattoo, Evolution, and Nightmare Studios employ some of the city’s best artists.

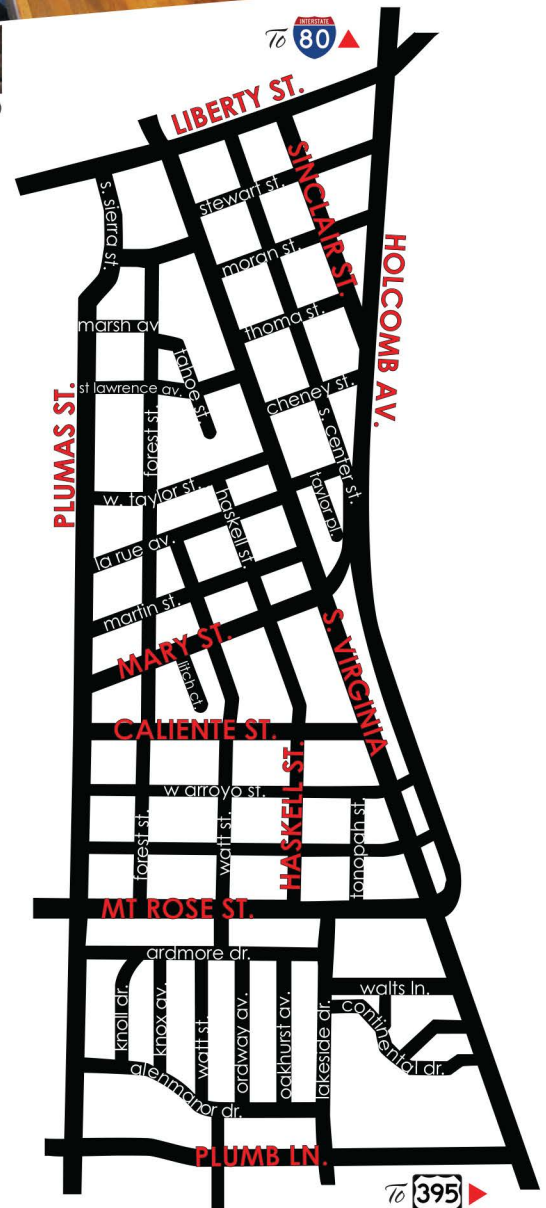
While fashionable shops and tattoo parlors are major attention grabbers, Midtown’s dining scene should not be overlooked. The lunch crowd at Süp—in homage to the neighborhood’s melting pot dynamic—is a mash-up of contrasting clientele: ladies who lunch juggle

children as tattoo-shop employees organize their calendars, and suits pour over their smart phones while seniors from the nearby assisted-living facility thoughtfully consider the menu.

One taste of the restaurant’s artfully crafted soups and meticulously constructed sandwiches, and you’ll know why Süp appeals to so many. “It’s all in the tiny details,” says Kasey Christensen, who owns the restaurant with her husband, Christian. “We make everything besides the bread in house,” she adds.

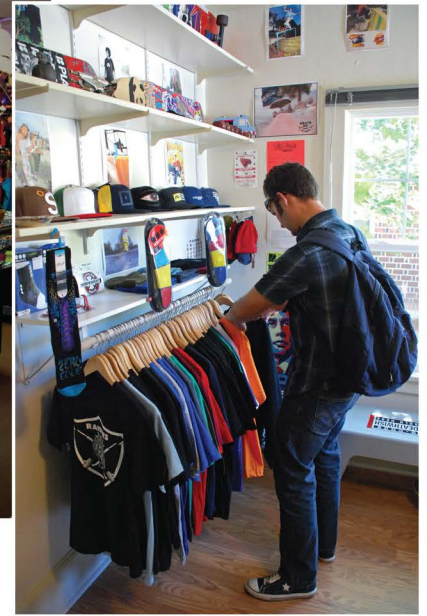


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The Melting Pot (above) lives up to its name with enough variety to keep shoppers busy for hours. Editor Matthew B. Brown looks over the small assortment of clothing at Classic Skate Shop (inset).



It can be a challenge to find an open seat on the patio at Süp (left) during lunchtime. Soup and salad (inset) are, not surprisingly, a popular combination at the Virginia Street eatery.

The eatery is committed to supporting local food and utilizes Reno purveyors such as 5th Street Bakehouse, House of Bread, Earth Alchemy Farms, and Hadji Farms. Crème, another creation of the Christensens, offers sweet and savory baked goods, including crepes filled with fresh fruits, vegetables, and various meats.

MidTown's character is most evident in its collection of bars, but, understandably, not everyone has the wherewithal for a neighborhood pub crawl. Luckily, the district's best beers and wines are available to-go thanks to Craft Wine & Beer and

MidTown Wine Bar. Craft owner Ty Martin credits Nevada's tolerant liquor laws for allowing him to operate a bottle shop that is also permitted to pour its offerings. "Reno needed a place that is knowledgeable and passionate about beer and wine," he says. Hundreds of beers and wines from around the world populate Craft and its walk-in cooler, and Martin is effusive about the benefits of including a bar in the operation. "The bar is about camaraderie in the neighborhood," he says.

Rachel Jara's MidTown Wine Bar is lauded for its knowledgeable staff,

generously poured wine flights named for MidTown streets, and dog-friendly atmosphere. Nightly specials—such as two-for-one drinks and bingo on Tuesdays, two-for-one drinks for women on Thursdays, and live music on Fridays and Saturdays—add to the intimate and tasteful bar's popularity. Bangkok Cuisine, Mario's Portofino, and Si Amigos happily deliver food to the wine bar, and Jara applauds nearby businesses for their tireless efforts to help one another.

Jara's sentiment regarding the friendly nature of local business owners is shared

PHOTOS ON PAGES 22-23: MATTHEW B. BROWN & CHARLIE JOHNSTON

by just about everyone you talk to in MidTown. And perhaps it's that camaraderie that makes MidTown so special and brings its contrasting facets together so seamlessly. "It's just such a cool neighborhood," says Lantto from his Thoma Street skate shop.

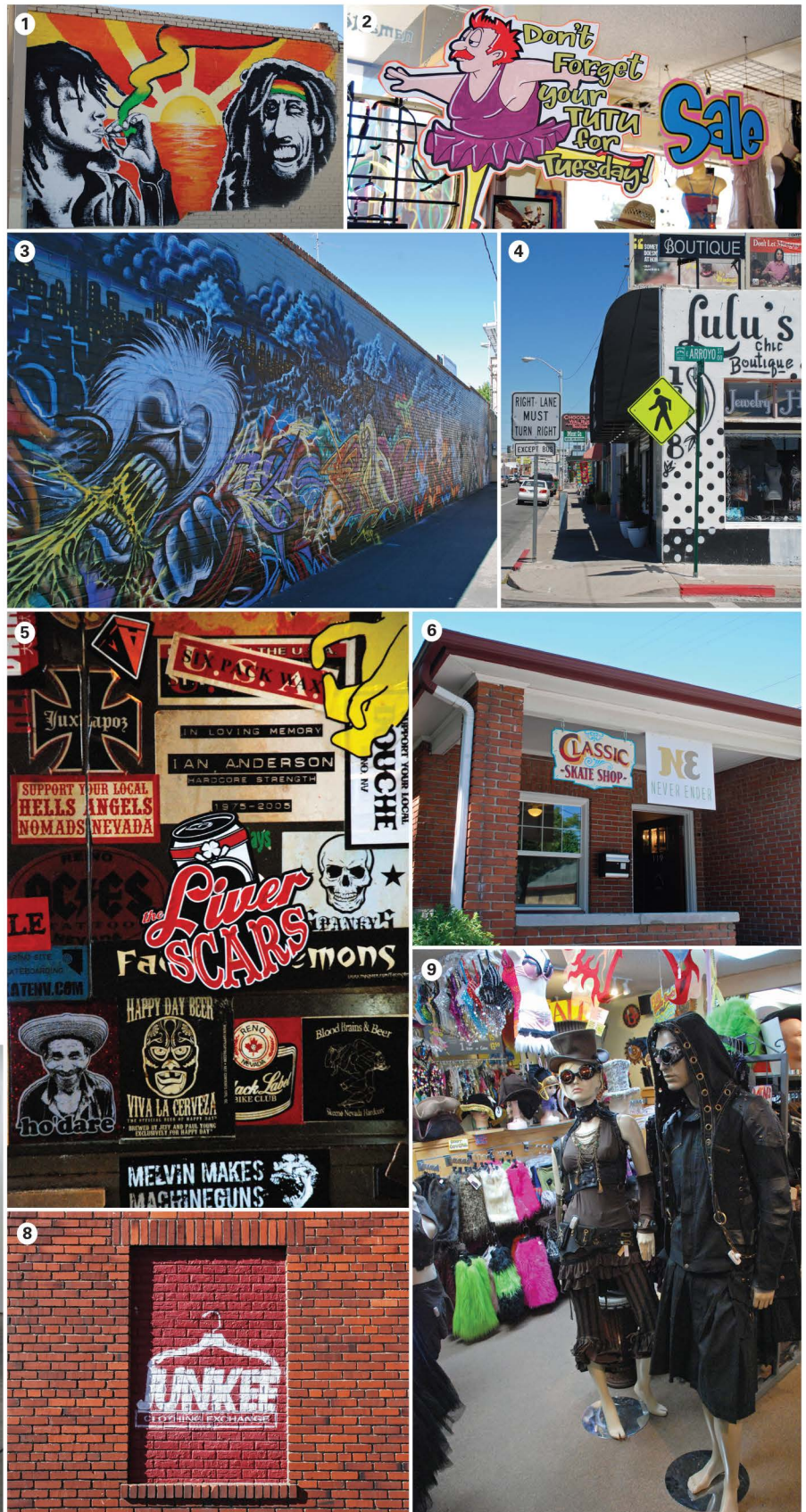
"This is the best neighborhood in Reno," Martin says from a table at Craft. "The realest and most diverse."

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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1, 3: Many exterior walls in MidTown are adorned with detailed murals, adding color and creativity to otherwise mundane spaces. **2, 9:** The eclectic mix of clothing at The Melting Pot runs the gamut from tutus to steampunk-inspired outfits. **4:** Lulu's Chic Boutique, at the corner of Virginia and Arroyo Streets, specializes in unique women's fashion. **5:** The myriad bands that play Shea's Tavern mark the bar with their stickers. **6:** Never Ender, Classic Skate Shop, and Golden Seam share a quaint 1930s house on Thoma Street. **7:** The fine art exhibits of Stremmel Gallery bring sophistication and elegance to MidTown. **8:** The signs outside of Junkee Clothing Exchange are as diverse as the clothing within.



Down to the Barbed Wire

Volunteer push brings Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge's fence-removal goal within reach.



JEFFREY R. RICHARDSON

Levi Smyth, 16, from Reno, cuts the wire clips holding barbed wire to steel posts. Other volunteers (not pictured) follow behind Smyth coiling the wire and pulling the posts. This section of fence was on the northern boundary of Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, near the Nevada-Oregon border. Friends of Nevada Wilderness planned to have the last of the unneeded fencing pulled on August 18.

BY JEFFREY R. RICHARDSON

On a weekend in mid-July, a group of volunteers troop to northwestern Nevada to work in the landscape they love, despite temperatures approaching 100 degrees. They are closing in on a years-long dream of dismantling the last of 175 miles of barbed-wire fence (erected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to control cattle grazing) that once stretched across Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.

Shade is scarce, but smiles are abundant.

While protection of pronghorn antelope is the preeminent goal of the refuge, concern is rising over the survival of another Great Basin icon: the sage grouse. With cattle grazing no longer permitted within the refuge and the pending removal of wild horses and burros that compete with antelope for forage, attention has turned to removing the fences from the dry, rugged terrain. The wire entangles and kills running antelope and impairs their seasonal movements. It's also lethal to sage grouse as they fly into and out of the sites where they perform extravagant courtship rituals.

A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

Friends of Nevada Wilderness, a statewide organization based in Reno that advocates for resource protection, has assembled the volunteers this weekend. Executive Director Shaaron Netherton leads the group's increasing emphasis on stewardship of public lands, collaborating with federal and state agencies to carry out resource protection and restoration projects that agencies can't always afford to do on their own. "We [are] investing sweat equity into caring for the land," Netherton says.

The Sheldon fences have been dismantled in increments over nearly 20 years. Refuge Manager Brian Day says a half-mile of fence per year was average for a long time, what he calls a discouraging pace. "The fences are hazardous to wildlife. Every mile that comes down is instant habitat improvement," he says. Last year, FNW hired a full-time field crew for the job. With the help of volunteers, the crew was able to remove 75 miles of fencing. This season began with more than 50 miles remaining.

The volunteers are based at Virgin Valley Campground, a few miles west of Denio Junction off State Route 140. The campground, open year-round, is one of several in the refuge. Although it lacks fully developed sites, it has pit toilets, fresh water, and fire rings and boasts a hot spring with a pool and shower house. The site is a favorite among campers, hunters, wildlife watchers, and gemstone enthusiasts drawn by area opal mines.

When Netherton arrives at the campground, she greets the Smyth family: Mike, Rita, and their 16-year-old son Levi—volunteers who have been here a couple of days—before heading out to examine the area where volunteers will pull fence the following day. Meanwhile, Rita gets busy with her Dutch ovens, preparing dinner for her family and the field crew. "I've always volunteered, but I like this a lot better," Rita says. "It's just gratifying. We teach our kids to understand this is our earth; it's our problem. Then you can enjoy it once you've fixed it."

Mike, a heavy-equipment operator, had his first experience in stewardship when he became involved in efforts to protect Walden Pond in his native Massachusetts. "I enjoy the camaraderie," he says. "[I like] meeting people of all kinds of backgrounds and perspectives and doing something to help the environment."

As darkness falls on Friday, a caravan of volunteers pulls in, headed by Pat Bruce, stewardship program director for FNW. As others arrive, hailing friends from previous trips, Bruce—aided by volunteers Nick Soverel and Kristen Straight—sets up the cook awning and shade tent for the next day's main event.

OFF TO WORK WE GO

Saturday morning dawns quiet and still. The FNW staff lays out breakfast: bagels and condiments, oatmeal, granola bars, and fruit. Graham Stafford, a professional photographer, has volunteered to prepare a hot scramble for those who want a little more substance and cracks 18 eggs into a bowl as the onions and potatoes begin to sizzle.



Pronghorn Antelope

BRIAN BEFFORT



Sage Grouse

BRIAN BEFFORT



Virgin Valley Campground

MATTHEW B. BROWN

As the sun rises, volunteers close their tents and gather gear for the day. Like their companions, Gary Frye and Merry Mathers love these outings for the chance to see new or favorite country, and they value the gratification of doing important conservation work. Committed as they are, most of them say they would gladly put in more time on projects if the long distances from home and



GRAHAM STAFFORD

Sheldon volunteers (left to right): Tom Johnson, Paul Wood, Merry Mathers, Kristen Straight, Mike Smyth, Rita Smyth, Evan Lantto, Mike Thorson, Nick Soverel, Levi Smyth, Pat Bruce, John Coleman, **Jeffrey R. Richardson**, Shaaron Netherton, Jim Hutchins, Allen Gibson, Gary Frye, and Chuck Thomas.

various other obligations would permit it.

Some have additional motivation. Retired Marine Chuck Thomas enjoys knocking around the country on his own, but he got involved with FNW when his children urged him not to travel solo. "I get to see a lot of new country with nice people," he says.

As Stafford watches over the eggs, Netherton and Bruce build a roster that will organize the volunteers into four groups that will work the fence line under the direction of the full-time field crewmembers (John Coleman, Paul Wood, Evan Lantto, and Allen Gibson). Bruce convenes a briefing to outline the day's plan and review safety issues: "Drink plenty of water, use your sun block, beware of barbed-wire hazards, and, above all, have fun."

Coleman, chief of the full-time field crew, leads a line of cars out of the campground and west on S.R. 140. He drops off his group with instructions before leading the rest to their designated spots along one of the remaining fence sections.

DOWN TO BUSINESS

From their starting point on the Nevada-Oregon border, Levi Smyth and Mike Thorson begin to work, slowly at first as they become accustomed to the tools and the process. Their task is complicated by having to toil uphill from the road. Smyth says he has taken down wooden fences before, but never barbed wire. It can be a little tricky, but, despite the challenge, Smyth is content.

He works steadily, cutting the clips that attach the wires to the steel posts, now and then checking in with his partners to make sure they are staying hydrated. He seems to have caught the volunteer bug. "We want to come back to this place; we want to take care of it," Smyth says. "I want my kids and grandkids to be

able to come here."

Upon returning to his own group, Coleman begins to coil the wire now lying on the ground. Rolls of wire and posts are piled every few hundred feet for retrieval. He also disassembles occasional rock piles built to stabilize the fence. Thorson has the task of levering out the sometimes-stubborn posts with a jack.

Positioned next to the post, the jack is slipped onto the post, allowing it to grab the knobs. Taking hold of the lever end, Thorson bears down and pushes and pulls to work the post free. It is hot, tedious work, but Thorson takes it in stride, slowly working his way first uphill, then across a wide sweep of sage after the other volunteers.

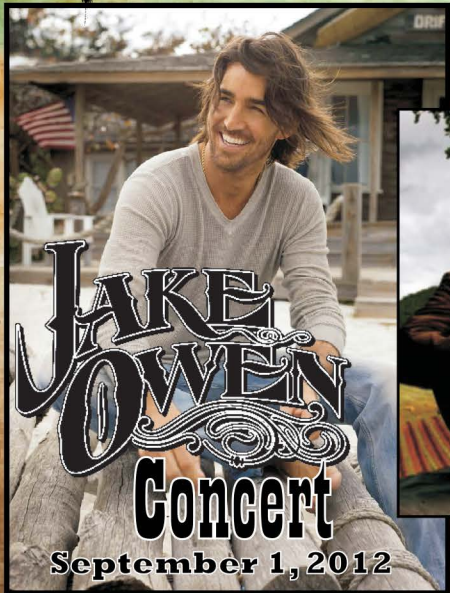
To avoid the risks of intensifying heat, the groups return to camp in the afternoon. They have pulled nearly four miles of fence, a solid day's work, according to Day. Bruce voices the long view of projects like this: "For us to be involved in something this large, to have it as one of our legacies on the Sheldon, makes you proud. It's a huge thing for the wildlife." ▀

SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge protects more than half a million acres of high-desert habitat for large herds of pronghorn antelope, scattered bands of bighorn sheep, and a rich assortment of other wildlife. The landscape is vast, rugged, and punctuated with waterfalls, narrow gorges, and lush springs among rolling hills and expansive tablelands of sagebrush and mountain mahogany. [fws.gov/refuges](https://www.fws.gov/refuges), 775-941-0199

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Top: The imposing Thousand Creek Gorge starts at the northeastern edge of Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge's Virgin Valley and cuts a rugged four-mile-long, 600-foot-deep gouge to Bog Hot Valley. Antelope grazing near State Route 140 in the shadow of the Pine Forest Range (right) and other wildlife don't recognize Sheldon's boundaries and roam over expansive territory surrounding the refuge.

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A handful of old fences (top left) remain scattered around Sheldon NWR, perhaps waiting for removal by Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers (see story on page 24). Top right: The Virgin Valley's Dufurrena Ponds are the source of Thousand Creek and attract watering wildlife—some are also excellent fishing holes. Most visitors access Sheldon via S.R. 140 out of Denio, but intrepid travelers with stout vehicles and more time at their disposal can enter from a number of remote entrances, such as Soldier Meadows Road (below) at the refuge's southern edge.





Tractors & Truffles

Culinary sophistication meets rural charm during this annual Fallon event.

STORY & PHOTOS BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

The farm-to-table movement has swept the restaurant world like a delicious deluge in recent years. The concept is simple: locally produced food delivered to local consumers. The benefits are numerous: transporting locally produced food is cheaper and requires less fuel, customers can learn more about—and have more control over—what they eat, and local farmers benefit from increased demand for their products. And the results are revolutionary: mouth-watering food that is remarkably fresh, satisfyingly sustainable, and surprisingly affordable.

Fallon's annual Tractors & Truffles, September 22, is a celebration of local food and the rural town's thriving agriculture community. Perhaps better described as tables-to-farm, Tractors & Truffles brings guests to their food during a day of culinary exploration with some of the region's most revered chefs and restaurateurs.

Reno chef Mark Estee heads the 2012 lineup and is best known for his successful Reno eatery, Campo. Estee is joined by fellow farm-to-table forefather and executive chef and owner of Fallon's own The Slanted Porch, Steve Hernandez, and Chef Director at the International Culinary School at the Art Institute of California, San Francisco, Mark Davis.

The event starts with a shuttle ride from Oats Park to Lattin Farms for lunch and a tour hosted by Rick Lattin. The Lattin family has been farming in the Lahontan Valley for five generations and is one of Nevada's most popular purveyors of vine-ripened fruit and fresh produce. Lunch will be prepared on the farm by the chefs and will include cooking demonstrations.

Following lunch, guests will attend a wine tasting and tour at Churchill Vineyards on the historic Frey Ranch. One of just a handful of wineries in the state, it is the only Nevada winery that produces Nevada grown, produced, and bottled estate white wines. According to Colby Frey, a fifth-generation Nevada farmer and winemaker at the vineyard, the award-winning wines get their intricate flavors and delicate aromas courtesy of the drastic temperature shifts of Fallon's high-desert climate.

Guests are returned to Oats Park following the winery tour and tasting for a music workshop with the Defibulators, described on the band's website as "one of the most engaging live acts from the thriving roots scene in Brooklyn, New York; melding bluegrass, rockabilly, classic country, and punk into their own eclectic indie honky-tonk sound."



Cocktails at Oats Park lead up to the main event of Tractors & Truffles: dinner. Prepared by Estee, Hernandez, Davis, and a host of sous-chefs and kitchen staff, the multi-course gourmet meal features local and sustainable foods—many from farms and ranches within the Lahontan Valley—for a truly unforgettable dining experience.

New to this year's event, dinner will be served family-style, with seating along long tables to provide for greater guest interaction and participation, and the kitchen will be located so that guests can see the meticulous assembly of each course. "The farmers who grow the food will be invited to attend to help make the connection between farm and dinner more meaningful," says Rick Gray, executive director of the Fallon Convention & Tourism Authority.

After dinner, the Defibulators return to perform at the Barkley Theater inside the Oats Park Art Center.



Clockwise from top middle: Fall means pumpkins and squash of every description at Lattin Farms. Colby Frey is a fifth-generation Nevada farmer and heads the winemaking operation at Churchill Vineyards. The historic and picturesque Frey Ranch is home to Churchill Vineyards. Kelli Mae Kelly of Fallon's The Slanted Porch prepares dinner's first course. John Ash, the event's featured chef in 2011, talks about the meal that anxious guests are about to enjoy. Debbie Frey prepares to serve her Churchill Vineyards wine. Opposite page: Antique tractors adorn the lawn at Oats Park during Tractors & Truffles.



TRACTORS & TRUFFLES SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 22

11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Tour of Lattin Farms & lunch with Mark Estee
1:30-2:30 p.m. – Tour of Churchill Vineyards & wine tasting
3-4 p.m. – Oats Park music workshop with the Defibulators
4:30-5 p.m. – Cocktails at Oats Park
5-7 p.m. – Dinner
8 p.m. – The Defibulators at Barkley Theater

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tractors & Truffles
tractorsandtruffles.com
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EVENT

Pahrump Valley Winery Grape Stomp
October 6-7; event opens at noon,
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General Admission: \$5
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Pahrump Valley Winery
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Grape Stomp

Have your wine and “feet” it, too,
at Pahrump Valley Winery.

BY ADAM ROBERTSON

If you like wine and getting your feet dirty, this is an event for you. The Pahrump Valley Winery Grape Stomp is a perfect opportunity to enjoy the fruits of Bacchus while getting a workout and having good, messy fun.

The Pahrump Valley Winery—about an hour west of Las Vegas—holds its annual Grape Stomp October 6-7. Teams of two get two minutes to “stomp their hearts out” and try to extract as much juice out of their grapes as possible. The stomping begins at 1 p.m. and usually ends around 4:30 p.m., with competitions every 15 minutes.

Spots fill up quickly, so it is recommended that teams sign up early. Registration must be done in advance, and the \$30 fee covers the cost of admission, competition entry, and T-shirts.

Along with the competition are wine tastings, food, crafts from local vendors, and music. Prizes include gift certificates to the winery’s restaurant (Symphony’s) and gift shop and are awarded to the best teams per hour and per day, best costumes, and “worst” stomper. The winery also hosts its largest sale of the year,

with many of its wines discounted below wholesale.

Based on an Italian grape-harvest festival, the Grape Stomp was started in the mid-’90s, and the tradition continued when Bill and Gretchen Loken took over the winery in 2003. Since then, the Lokens have expanded the stage and turned the Grape Stomp from a small one-day affair into a two-day event with more than 3,000 attendees.

Nevada may seem like an unusual place to grow grapes and make wine, and the Pahrump Valley Winery has certainly had its share of challenges: from wild horses eating plants to making sure crops are sufficiently watered. However, by use of drought-resistant roots, special trelliswork, and a bit of luck, the winery has managed to cultivate 13 acres of grapes, for an estimated harvest of more than 35 tons in 2012.

In 2008, the winery released Nevada’s first commercial red wine (2005 Zinfandel), which won gold at the Pacific Rim International Wine Competition. It was the first victory of many, giving rise to Pahrump Valley Winery’s claim of “Bringing Gold to the Silver State.”



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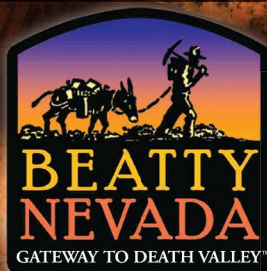
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Steven Jackson, Las Vegas

Rams running back and Nevada native continues his quest for his first championship and aims for the 10,000-yard club.



Steven Jackson enters his ninth NFL season in 2012. Opposite page: Jackson works with children in the foundation he started in 2004.

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

It's hard to imagine Steven Jackson looking small next to his football peers. But that was the case, he says, before he hit his growth spurt at age 16—and opposing defenses have struggled to tackle him ever since.

Listed at 6-foot-2, 240 pounds on his ESPN.com Player Profile, the can't-miss power running back known for his long dreadlocks has amassed 60 touchdowns and more than 12,000 all-purpose yards in his stellar eight-year career with the St. Louis Rams. Jackson is 907 rushing yards shy of the 10,000-yard mark, a feat that only 26 players have accomplished. It's no surprise, then, that in 2011 the 29-year-old Las Vegas native was inducted into the

Southern Nevada Sports Hall of Fame (sportshalloffame.net).

Jackson, who we interviewed in June, has made an impact off the field as well. His Steven Jackson Foundation is dedicated to promoting strong educational values among today's youth. "I just want to help give people a chance," he says.

Q: Tell us about growing up in Las Vegas.

A: My mom was a blackjack dealer for the Las Vegas Hilton, and my dad was a casino manager for Caesars Palace. They did a good job of keeping me away from the Strip. They told me some of the stories about how you could really throw your life away if you're not careful. I participated in a lot of after-school programs, not only in sports, but also in leadership programs. [My parents] kept me active.

Q: What high school did you attend?

A: I went to Vo-Tech [Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center] High School. Vo-Tech is a trade school, so that means they didn't have a football team. I played for Eldorado High School, the school I would have gone to if I didn't opt to go to Vo-Tech.

Q: How was the team back then?

A: We were good. We went to the [2000] state championship [in Reno] and lost [29-14] to McQueen.

Q: From an early age, you aspired to play in the NFL. Why was this the right career choice for you?

A: My parents had a lot to do with it. I participated in gymnastics, art classes—they were very good at exposing me to different things, and football just stuck. It was a game that I enjoyed watching, and it allowed me to spend time with my father. I like all elements of it. No one or two people dominate, for the most part, a whole entire game. You need the whole team collectively to be good. Those challenges, along with my own natural ability, really made me gravitate to the game. From the age of seven, I've always been a part of the game.

Whenever I do decide to retire, it's going to be a hard transition because I've been doing it for so long.



The NFL season kicks off Wednesday, September 5. Who's your pick to win it all? Tell us on Facebook. [facebook.com/nevadamagazine](https://www.facebook.com/nevadamagazine)

Q: Have you always played running back?

A: Yeah. I didn't hit my growth spurt until I was 16 years old, so physically I was the smallest guy on the football field. In that day and age, there were a lot of smaller "scat backs"—Thurman Thomas, Marshall Faulk, Barry Sanders—smaller, shifter guys. When I had my growth spurt, I had to learn how to play behind my pads more than being elusive.

Q: I know you're eager to win a championship, but what else would you like to get out of the upcoming season?

A: I'd like to be able to pass 10,000 [rushing] yards. It's something that I will cherish when it happens. But more importantly, I want to hopefully be in my first playoff game [since 2004] and go from there. With [first-year head coach Jeff] Fisher and the staff he's put together, I think we have the capability to get this team turned around.

Q: Next season [2013-14], you'll be 30. What do you think about the theory that turning 30 is a curse for NFL running backs like yourself?

A: Some people defy the statistics and what people say. If that didn't happen, you wouldn't have your Brett Favres or your Ray Lewises of the world. I feel that if I take care of my body I can play for many more years. If you look at statistics to say when my body will break down, most of those statistics are based on the average. I don't see myself as average.

Q: Tell us about the Steven Jackson Foundation.

A: I founded it in 2004—my rookie year—to combat illiteracy and promote education. Being from Las Vegas, I understand how high the high school dropout rate is and the challenges to recruit good teachers to our area. I want kids to realize that there's no alternative to education. We want to encourage them that they can live out their dreams, and that they're attainable. You have to sacrifice and really focus on your education and never give up on it. You never get too old to learn. The more I promote this, the more I feel that it's a part of me.

Q: There's been talk of a major professional sports team coming to Las Vegas. What are your thoughts, and what sport do you think would be the best fit?

A: I support that 100 percent. Any professional sports team that comes to Las Vegas, I'll be there at center court, center field—I think it would be good for our economy and our city. It's something to care about outside of boxing and UFC, and all of us could come together and be collectively proud of something.



I think basketball has the best chance, and then from there maybe baseball. Those two I could see coming in right away and having a huge impact on our city. Either way it goes, I think the city will embrace it and support it.

Q: What are some of your favorite Nevada getaways outside your hometown of Las Vegas?

A: Mount Charleston, Red Rock [Canyon National Conservation Area], Lake Las Vegas, Valley of Fire [State Park], Lake Mead, and Hoover Dam. These are all in close proximity to Las Vegas, and people don't really realize it. We have a beautiful city and a beautiful state that can offer a lot to people outside of the possibility of hitting a jackpot. ▀

HOMEGROWN TALENT

Following is a list of active NFL players who attended high school in Nevada.

- Josh Barrett, S, New England Patriots (Reno HS)
- Chris Carr, S, Minnesota Vikings (McQueen HS)
- Harvey Dahl, G, St. Louis Rams (Fallon HS)
- Steven Jackson, RB, St. Louis Rams (Eldorado HS)
- Brandon Marshall, LB, Jacksonville Jaguars (Cimarron-Memorial HS)
- Josh Mauga, LB, N.Y. Jets (Fallon HS)
- Stevenson Sylvester, LB, Pittsburgh Steelers (Valley HS)

STEVEN JACKSON'S CAREER STATS

ELDORADO HIGH SCHOOL (Las Vegas)

- 6,396 rushing yards
- 81 touchdowns

OREGON STATE (2001-03)

- 3,625 rushing yards
- 4,545 all-purpose yards
- 39 touchdowns

ST. LOUIS RAMS (2004-present)

- 9,093 rushing yards
- 3,003 receiving yards
- 60 touchdowns (52 rushing)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Official Website of Steven Jackson
sj39.com

Blue Grouse



Blue Grouse
Habitat



◆ Two species of blue grouse—dusky and sooty—are recognized by the American Ornithologists' Union. A genetic study suggests that Nevada has both subgroups of blue grouse (sooty in the west and dusky in the central and eastern portions of the state). The 2012-13 blue grouse hunting season will be the first time that Nevada has classified its blue grouse into "dusky" and "sooty" categories.

◆ Native to Nevada, the blue grouse is 15 to 21 inches in length. Adults have a long square tail that is gray at the end. Males (inset) are mainly dark with a yellow or purplish throat air sac. Adult females (below) of both species are mottled brown with dark brown and white marks on the under parts.

◆ The 10-year average blue grouse harvest in Nevada is 1,665. About 1,200 sportsmen hunt the species annually. The most popular time to

hunt blue grouse is in September when other upland game seasons have yet to begin.

◆ Although native, the species has a relatively limited distribution throughout the state. Blue grouse require a winter range of conifers and a summer range that is diverse, with a vegetative community of mountain shrub, mountain mahogany, aspen, and limber pine stands. These factors often limit blue grouse populations to remote, forested areas.

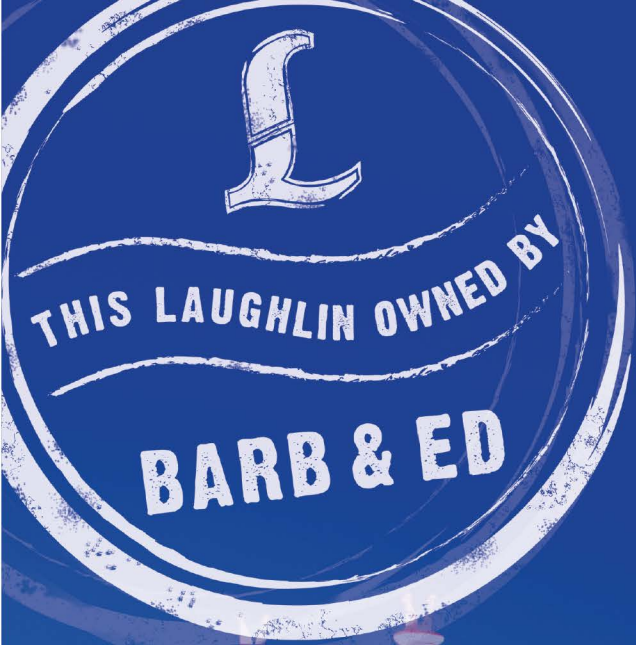
◆ During mating season the male sooty grouse will often perch on a log or post and call out with a loud booming hoot that can be heard from a considerable distance. Conversely, dusky grouse booming is barely audible to the human ear, and one needs to be relatively close to a male in the spring to hear its call.

This information is provided by the Nevada Department of Wildlife. ndow.org, 775-688-1500

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Hunting Season

The blue (dusky and sooty) grouse and ruffed grouse are considered upland game species. There are two separate seasons in 2012. Refer to ndow.org/hunt for specific grouse hunting regulations.



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COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

This photograph, taken on November 22, 1924, shows (from left to right) George Evans; Mark Harrington and his son, Johns; Governor James Scrugham; Mr. Wright, a news correspondent; Dr. C.W. West of Reno; Senator Levi Syphus of Clark County; and state police sergeant Mac Sherry.

Nevada's Lost City

New *Images of America* book uses vintage photographs to tell the Ancestral Puebloans' story.

BY DENA M. SEDAR

Following are excerpts from the recently released publication, *Nevada's Lost City*.

Nevada's Lost City is both scientific and romantic. Buried beneath the sands of the Mojave Desert was information that archaeologists used to define the western-most settlement of the Ancestral Puebloans. Many people think that the Ancestral Puebloans were only found in the Four Corners region, but the Lost City is archaeological proof that they lived and thrived in Southern Nevada [as well].

The excavations, led by Mark Harrington, starting in 1924, have helped to redefine the Ancestral Puebloan culture and offer people a better understanding of how this culture lived. The Lost City is also romantic—at least that is what the people of the 1920s and 1930s thought. They were intrigued by a city that had been forgotten and left to deteriorate in the desert.—from *Introduction*

EXPLORING THE LOST CITY

The explorations of the Lost City began in 1924 when John and Fay Perkins, two brothers from Overton, reported the presence of artifacts and ruins scattered along the banks of the Muddy River in Moapa Valley to Governor James Scrugham. In 1924, the governor sent a delegation to investigate the ruins [that included] Mark Harrington of the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation. Harrington immediately recognized the ruins as Puebloan and related to archaeological sites found throughout the Four Corners region. It was a significant archaeological discovery, and excavations began in November 1924 to uncover Nevada's Lost City.

During the 1924-26 field seasons, Harrington and his crew excavated the Lost City sites. The work was concentrated in an area east of the Muddy River that stretched about six miles north of the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers. Harrington termed this area "Pueblo Grande de Nevada," but when the

media of the 1920s, which loved to sensationalize, heard about the archaeological investigations in Nevada, they dubbed the sites the “Lost City.” The Lost City became world famous, and as a way to capitalize on that fame, a Lost City Pageant was held [May 22-23, 1925] to share the story of the area with visitors.

—from *Chapter One*

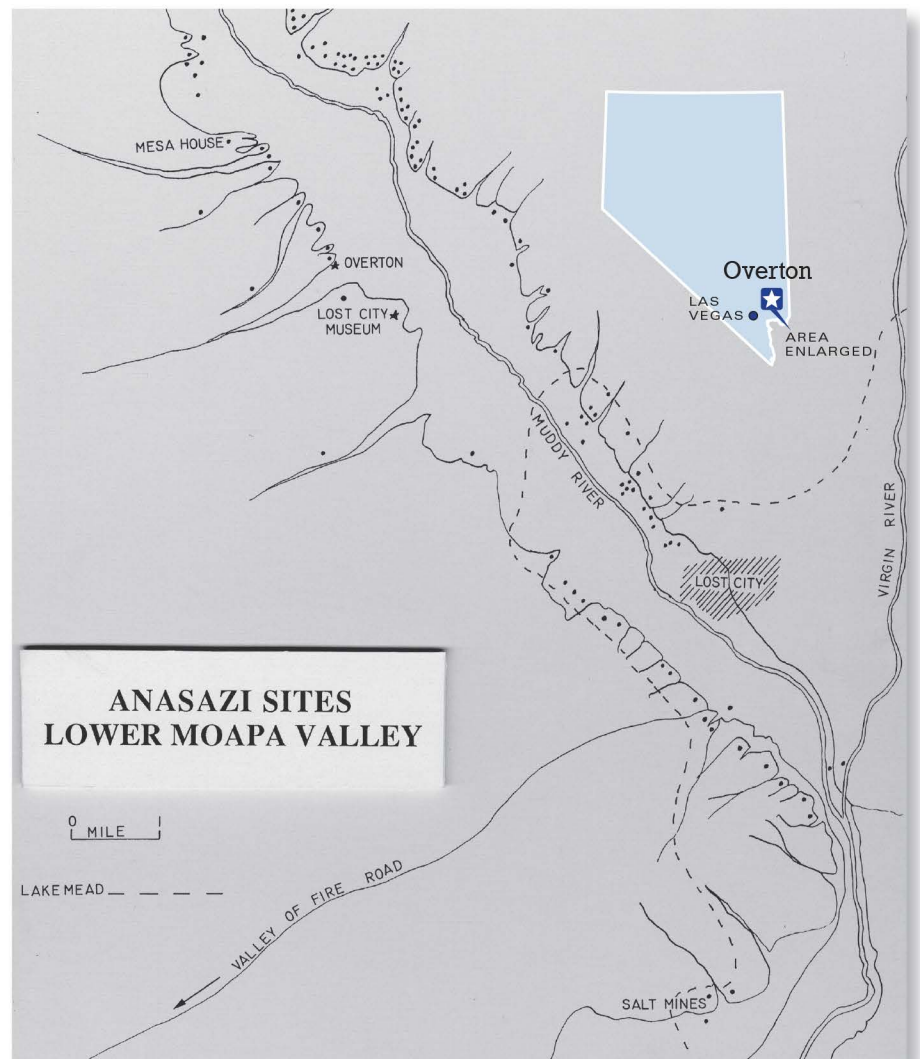
THE SALT CAVE

The exploration of the Lost City was not limited to the excavation of ruins; it also included the investigation of prehistoric salt mines. The Ancestral Puebloans mined salt from caves and were able to use the salt not only for food preparation, but as a trade item as well. One of the salt caves was first noted in 1827 by explorer Jedediah Smith in a letter to William Clark (of the Lewis and Clark expedition), who was then the superintendent of Indian Affairs for the federal government. The cave was also noted in an 1867 Morgan Exploring Expedition report. It was these reports that led Governor Scrugham, who was once a professor of mining engineering, to believe that there could be something significant in the Mojave Desert of Southern Nevada.

The salt caves were originally excavated during the 1925-26 field season by Harrington and his crew, during which they recovered pottery, stone clubs, corncocks, net bags, and yucca sandals. The archaeological explorations of the caves revealed salt-mining tools left behind by prehistoric miners.—from *Chapter Two*

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

The Great Depression put a temporary halt to the excavations of the Lost City. There is no record of any excavations occurring in the Lost City area from 1931-33.



COURTESY OF LOST CITY MUSEUM

That changed, however, in 1934, when a large-scale salvage archaeology project sponsored by the National Park Service began because the construction of Hoover Dam was going to result in the Lost City sites being covered by the newly created Lake Mead. The National Park Service's project, [during] which the sites would be excavated as thoroughly as possible, would allow the information contained within the Lost City sites to be saved, as well as put a number of unemployed young men to work.

The National Park Service used the Civilian Conservation Corps to supply the labor. The Civilian Conservation Corps (originally known as the Emergency Conservation Work) was created in 1933 to

What's in a Name?

The people of the Lost City are known by several names. The most familiar term is *Anasazi*, but archaeologists are moving away from using this term out of respect to Native Americans. The modern Pueblo people of Arizona and New Mexico are believed to be the descendants of the people who lived in the Four Corners region and Southern Nevada.

Anasazi is a Navajo word that translates to “ancient ones” or “ancient enemies,” and the Pueblo people object to the use of this term for their ancestors. The Hopi, one of the modern Pueblo tribes, prefer the term *Hisatsinom*. Archaeologists and scholars have begun to use the term Ancestral Puebloan, which is the term used in the book, *Nevada's Lost City*.—from *Introduction*



MATTHEW B. BROWN

The Lost City Museum in Overton was built by the National Parks Service and Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935 to house artifacts from the Ancestral Puebloan sites known collectively as Lost City before the rising waters of Lake Mead covered them.

address two primary concerns by putting unemployed men to work while working on important conservation-related projects in forests, rangelands, and parks.

Two CCC companies worked on the Lost City project. Company 974, stationed in Overton, worked on road construction, archaeological excavations, and soil erosion-prevention projects. Company 573 was responsible for the construction of the museum that would house the artifacts excavated during the project. After Company 573 was moved to Boulder City, a small company of 50 men were left behind under the supervision of Fay Perkins to continue excavation of the Lost City and complete other small projects.

—from Chapter Three

THE LOST CITY MUSEUM

The Lost City Museum was built in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps on an archaeological site now known as the Museum Site. It was built to house the collections being excavated by the CCC. The Lost City Museum was not the original name; it was actually called the Boulder Dam Park Museum. It was originally named for Boulder Dam, [now Hoover Dam].

The Lost City Museum was originally built and run by the National Park Service. In 1952, the National Park Service wanted

to turn over operation of the museum to the State of Nevada, and in 1953, the Lost City Museum became a state-run museum. It was appropriate that the first curator appointed by the state was Fay Perkins, one of the men who originally reported the Lost City to [Governor Scrugham]. Perkins ran the museum until health reasons forced his retirement in 1956. His position was taken over by his son, Richard "Chick" Perkins, who was the curator of the museum until 1980.

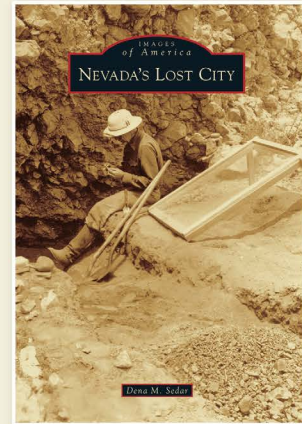
The Lost City Museum has grown since it was built in 1935 with the addition of two wings, one of which is named in honor of Fay Perkins. The museum was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1996 because of the Pueblo Revival architecture style and its construction by the Civilian Conservation Corps.—from Chapter Four

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COURTESY OF THE UNION PACIFIC MUSEUM

A 1925 Union Pacific Railroad advertisement offers a special excursion to the Lost City Pageant.

LOOKING BACK

On page 9 we introduced Nevada's new U.S. Highway 395/Interstate 580 Freeway Extension, scheduled to open to traffic before this issue hits newsstands. Below, we review more milestone road projects in the state's history.



NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The 1966 opening of Interstate 15 to Los Angeles promised a major artery to feed Las Vegas its lifeblood of tourists. More than one in four of Las Vegas' 40 million annual visitors today are from Southern California, and more than 90 percent of them travel by car, primarily via I-15.

► **1926** — U.S. Route 40 opens as one of the original U.S. Highways. The historic byway can still be driven on via 3rd Street in Verdi, 4th Street in Reno, and Victorian Avenue in Sparks.

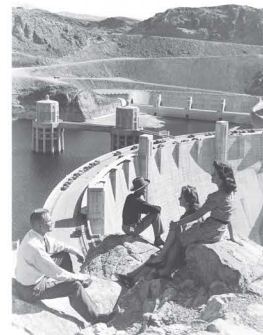
► **1926** — Today's U.S. Highway 50 is commissioned as part of the country's Lincoln Highway. Before the formation of the U.S. Highway System, most of U.S. 50 in Nevada (now known as "The Loneliest Road in America") was designated State Route 2.

► **May 1936** — The new Geiger Grade, from Reno to Virginia City, is completed. The July 1936 issue of *Nevada Highways and Parks* calls it "one of the most scenic as well as the most historic highways in the West."

► **1976** — State Route 375, officially designated as the Extraterrestrial Highway in 1996, opens to traffic. The road originally traversed through what is now the northern reaches of the Nevada Test and Training Range in the 1930s, when it was designated State Route 25A.

► **1982** — The Official Nevada Highway Map is the first to note Interstate 80 as a contiguous freeway across the state. The interstate follows the historical routes of the Victory Highway and U.S. 40.

► **October 16, 2010** — The Hoover Dam Bypass, meant to relieve heavy traffic over the iconic dam, opens to tourists during a "Bridging America" celebration.

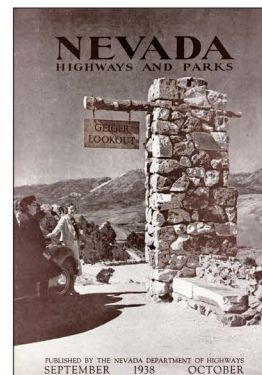


LAS VEGAS NEWS BUREAU

This 1938 Hoover Dam photo shows the old U.S. Highway 93, which opened to traffic in 1936.

► **March 11, 1966** — The Las Vegas-Los Angeles Freeway (Interstate 15) opens with a dedication ceremony replete with a marching band.

FROM OUR ARCHIVE



September/October 1938

Geiger Lookout, midway between Reno and Virginia City on Geiger Grade (State Route 341), was established to give motorists a scenic vista. This is one of the entrance columns, with a view toward Mount Rose and Slide Mountain.

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September/October 2012

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RENO—Taylor Hicks, Harrah's Reno, harrahreno.com, 775-788-2900

AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 3

ELKO—Elko County Fair & Horse Races, Elko County Fairgrounds, exploreelko.com, 775-738-3616

SPARKS—Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off, Victorian Square, nuggettribcookoff.com, 800-648-1177

AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 2

FALLON—Lions Club Jr. Rodeo, Churchill County Fairgrounds, visitfallonnevada.com, 775-225-3096

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1

RENO—Leif Skyving, Pioneer Underground, renotahoeecomedie.com, 775-322-5233

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 2

RENO—ABA BMX Blackjack Nationals, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, usabmx.com, 480-961-1903

WINNEMUCCA—Tri-County Fair & Stampede, Winnemucca Events Complex, labordayfair.com, 775-623-5071 x.102

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 2

HUNGRY VALLEY—Numaga Powwow, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, nevadaindianterritory.com, 775-425-8540

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 3

NORTHSTAR—Chalk Tahoe (art event), chalktaho.com, 530-388-0214

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Labor Day Car Show, Heavenly Village, goodsamsaferide.com, 530-541-7300

STATELINE—Nathan Owens Motown Legends, Harrah's Lake Tahoe, southshoreroom.com, 800-745-3000

SEPTEMBER 1

ELY—BBQ Express, dinner train, Nevada Northern Railway, nnry.com, 866-407-8326

GARDNERVILLE—Old Town Days, Heritage Park, gardnerville-nv.gov, 775-782-7134

RENO—Vietnamese Concert, Silver Legacy, silverlegacynv.com, 775-325-7343

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Great Lake Tahoe Sternwheeler Race, tahoesouth.com, 800-288-2463

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Vintage Vatican at the Tallac Historic Site, fs.usda.gov, 530-541-5227

SQUAW VALLEY—Foam Fest: Craft Beer Festival & Rockin' Blues, dsusafw.webconnex.com/foamfest, 530-581-4161

STATELINE—Sammy Hagar, Harveys Outdoor Arena, harvestahoe.com, 800-HARVEYS

WINNEMUCCA—Jake Owen Concert, Winnemucca Events Complex, etix.com, 800-962-2638

SEPTEMBER 1-2

ELY—Plein Air Outdoor Art Festival, Nevada Northern Railway, 866-407-8326

FORT CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK—Civil War Volunteers Demonstrations, parks.nv.gov, 775-577-4880

GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK—Labor Day Weekend Special Astronomy Events, nps.gov/grba, 775-234-7331

JARBIDGE—Labor Day Weekend, jarbidge.org, e-mail: jar1@jarbidge.org

PYRAMID LAKE—Labor Day Weekend at Pyramid Lake, pyramidlake.us, 888-225-2668

SEPTEMBER 1-3

DIAMOND VALLEY HARD PAN—Small Boat Gathering—Landsailing, 25 miles north of Eureka, nalsa.org/events.htm, 702-492-0137

FALLON—Fallon Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival, fallonfestival.org, 775-867-3476

VIRGINIA CITY—Civil War Days, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-786-9754

WASHOE VALLEY—Franktown Meadows Hunter Derby, fmhunterderby.com, 775-722-4261

WELLS—Two Person Shamble, Chimney Rock Golf Course, wellsnevada.com, 775-752-3540

SEPTEMBER 1-9

NORTH LAKE TAHOE—Lake Tahoe Autumn Food & Wine Festival, Northstar, North Lake Tahoe, West Shore, & Squaw Valley, gotahoenorth.com, 800-462-5196

SEPTEMBER 2

RENO—Chinese Concert—You Ya & Zhang Di, Silver Legacy, silverlegacynv.com, 775-325-7343

RENO—Foghat Live! Boomtown Hotel, brownpapertickets.com, 800-648-3790

RENO—Comedian Jim Gaffigan, Silver Legacy, silverlegacynv.com, 775-325-7343

RENO—Unity Tour Concert, part of Reno Labor Daze featuring the area's leading food trucks and bands, University of Nevada, Reno, renolabordaze.com, 775-784-6589

SIERRA-AT-TAHOE—Haulin' up Hawley Grade Seven-Mile Run, sierraattahoe.com, 530-659-7453

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Labor Day Weekend Fireworks Extravaganza, tahoesouth.com, 530-544-5050

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Music on the Lawn, valhallatahoe.com, 530-541-4975

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Sample the Sierra, farm-to-fork festival, Ski Run Blvd., samplethesierra.com, 775-588-1728

SQUAW VALLEY—Alpen Wine Fest, squaw.com, 530-544-5050

SEPTEMBER 3

FALLON—Lions Club Labor Day Parade, visitfallonnevada.com, 775-225-3096

RENO—Jack Beats, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 800-501-2651

VIRGINIA CITY—Labor Day Parade, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-847-4386



SEPTEMBER 5

RENO—Jane's Addiction, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 775-501-2651

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Servant's Tour at the Tallac Historic Site, fs.usda.gov, 530-541-5227

SEPTEMBER 6

RENO—Bill Nye The Science Guy, University of Nevada, Reno, unr.edu/lawlor, 775-784-6589

SEPTEMBER 7

EUREKA—Belinda Gail: America's Western Sweetheart, Eureka Opera House, eurekacounty.com, 775-237-6006

RENO—Local Food as Art w/ Nicholle Alumbaugh, Nevada Museum of Art, nevadaart.org, 775-329-3333

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Heavenly Village Summer Wine Walk, valhallatahoe.com, 530-541-4975

TRUCKEE—The Art of the Cocktail, Ritz-Carlton, ritzcarlton.com, 530-562-3000

SEPTEMBER 7-8

MINDEN—The Mixed Scramble, Carson Valley Inn, carsonvalleyinn.com, 775-782-9711

YERINGTON—Taste of the Valley, local food, Arts & Blues Festival, Jeanne Dini Center, yeringtonarts.com, 775-463-1783

SEPTEMBER 7-9

ELKO—25th Annual Morrodders Car Show, exploreelko.com, 775-753-4549

RENO—The Great Reno Balloon Race, Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, renoballoon.com, 775-826-1181

RENO—Great Reno Food Truck Rally, downtown, reno.gov, 775-334-4636

VIRGINIA CITY—International Camel Races, vccamelraces.com, 775-846-1130

SEPTEMBER 8

AUSTIN—Prospectors Dream Wine Walk, austinnevada.com, 775-964-2200

CARSON CITY—Kids Auction & World's Greatest BBQ, Pony Express Pavilion, annualkidsauction.com, 775-882-8820

CRYSTAL BAY—Marcia Ball, Crystal Bay Club, crystalbayclubcasino.com, 775-833-6333

ELKO—Demolition Derby, Elko County Fairgrounds, exploreelko.com, 775-777-7354

ELKO—Farmers Market, exploreelko.com, 775-778-9555

ELKO—Oktoberfest, exploreelko.com, 738-4187

ELKO—Sky Fair, Elko Regional Airport, exploreelko.com, 775-738-7123

ELY—Rockin' & Rollin' Geology Train, dinner train, Nevada Northern Railway, nnry.com, 866-407-8326

PARADISE VALLEY—Rib & Chili Cook-Off, 775-578-3531

RENO—Native American Arts Festival, Galena Creek Regional Park, galenacreekvisitorcenter.org, 775-849-4948

RENO—Never Forget 911 Memorial Run, Reno-Sparks area, reno.gov, 775-338-8150

RENO—Pirate Crawl, downtown, eventiveentertainment.com, 800-367-7366

RENO—Pretty Lights, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 800-501-2651

RENO—RAAVE Exotic Bird Expo, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, raave.com, 775-358-7222

RENO—Show Us Your Talent, Pioneer Underground, renotahoeecomedie.com, 775-322-5233

STATELINE—The B-52's, Harrah's Lake Tahoe, southshoreroom.com, 800-745-3000

WELLS—Race to the Angel, bike, run, & walk, wellsnevada.com, 775-752-3540

YERINGTON—Ducks Unlimited Dinner, Jeanne Dini Center, masonvalleychamber.org, 775-463-2245

YERINGTON—Great Yerington Yard Sale, Jeanne Dini Center, masonvalleychamber.org, 775-463-2245

SEPTEMBER 8-9

RENO—Art Blast, McKinley Arts & Culture Center, renoculture.com, 775-334-4636

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE & RENO—Tahoe Expo 2012, geotourism showcase, tahoeexpo.com, 775-298-5080

SEPTEMBER 8-11

WEST WENDOVER—World of Speed 2012, Bonneville Salt Flats, saltflats.com, 801-485-2662

SEPTEMBER 9

ELKO—Nevada Bandits, Elko County Fairgrounds, exploreelko.com, 775-340-3125

GENOA—Foothill Road & The Hitchhikers concert, Genoa Park, 775-782-8696

INCLINE VILLAGE—Thunderbird Winemaker's Dinner, thunderbirdtahoe.org, 775-832-8752

RENO—On the Wind Cheetah Run, Animal Ark, animalark.org, 1-775-970-3431

RENO—Rehab, Knitting Factory, knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

LAKE TAHOE—Tour de Tahoe—Bike Big Blue, bike around 72-mile shoreline, bikethewest.com, 800-565-2704

SEPTEMBER 9 & 11

RENO—"Classix One," Reno Philharmonic, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, renophil.com, 775-323-6393

SEPTEMBER 9-12

RENO—NGUAS General Conference, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, ngaus.org, 202-789-0031

SEPTEMBER 9-15

BATTLE MOUNTAIN—World Human-Powered Speed Challenge, battlemountaintourism.com, 775-635-1112

SEPTEMBER 11

CRYSTAL BAY—Black Uhuru & Keyser Soze—with Red Tuesday After Party, crystalbayclubcasino.com, 775-833-6333

SEPTEMBER 12-16

RENO—National Championship Air Races & Air Show, Reno-Stead Airport, airrace.org, 775-972-6663

SEPTEMBER 13-16

SCHURZ—Walker River Paiute Tribe Pinenut Festival, 775-773-2306

WINNEMUCCA—ACTRA Roping, Winnemucca Events Complex, winnemucca.com, 775-623-6257

SEPTEMBER 14

RENO—Cash'd Out (The Next Best Thing To Johnny Cash), Knitting Factory, knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

RENO—The Electronic Vault Project, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 775-789-2000

RENO—Olivia Newton-John, Silver Legacy, ticketmaster.com, 800-687-7733

SQUAW VALLEY—Guitar Strings vs. Chicken Wings, bands and restaurants square off against each other, squaw.com, 800-403-0206

SEPTEMBER 14-15

ELKO—Van Norman Stock Horse Challenge & Sale, Elko County Fairgrounds, exploreelko.com, 775-756-6508

GENOA—Historical re-enactments, David Walley's Hot Springs Resort, davidwalleys-resort.com, 949-306-9194

SEPTEMBER 14-16

ELY—Silver State Classic Challenge Open Road Race, elynevada.net, 800-496-9350

PARADISE VALLEY—Santa Rosa National Public Lands Day, light hiking & clearing trails, Santa Rosa Ranger District, nevadawilderness.org, 775-324-7667

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Car Show, Heavenly Village, goodsamsaferide.com, 530-541-7300

SEPTEMBER 14-24

RENO—WPT Regional Western Poker Challenge, Atlantis, atlanticcasino.com, 775-825-4700

SEPTEMBER 15

ELKO—Capriola Ranch Rodeo, Elko County Fairgrounds, exploreelko.com, 775-738-5816

ELY—Wild West Limited, dinner train, Nevada Northern Railway, nnry.com, 866-407-8326

LAKE TAHOE—Hike for Housing Fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity & Saint Joseph Land Trust, Spooner Lake and/or Marlette Lake, tahoesouth.com, 530-545-3388

NORTHSTAR—Tahoe Big Blue Adventure Race, Village at Northstar, bigblueadventure.com, 530-546-1019

RENO—Jay Leno, Silver Legacy, silverlegacypreno.com, 775-325-7343

RENO—Northern Nevada Pagan Pride Day, Wingfield Park, paganpridenevada.org, 775-334-4636

RENO—Show Us Your Talent, Pioneer Underground, renotahoeecomedie.com, 775-322-5233

RENO—Walk in Memory, Walk for Hope, Idlewild Park, nvsuicideprevention.org, 775-224-0073



N O R T H E R N N E V A D A

STATELINE—The Blues Broads, Harrah's Lake Tahoe, southshoreroom.com, 800-745-3000

STATELINE—San Francisco Comedy Competition, MontBleu, montbleuresort.com, 775-588-3515

VIRGINIA CITY—100-Mile Endurance Horse Race, Virginia City, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-847-7500

VIRGINIA CITY—Community Yard & Boardwalk Sale, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-847-7500

VIRGINIA CITY—Ghost Hunt & Dinner, Mackay Mansion, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-721-9305

YERINGTON—Mason Valley Historic Building Tour & Lunch, masonvalleychamber.org, 775-463-2245

SEPTEMBER 15 & OCTOBER 5

LAKE TAHOE—Star Tour Kayak Adventure, tahoeadventurecompany.com, 866-830-6125

SEPTEMBER 15-16

CARLIN—Carlin Smokin' Hot Chili Cook Off, cityofcarlin.com, 775-754-6354

RENO—Tanner's Marketplace, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, visitrenotahoe.com, 775-747-0905

RENO—Reno Chamber Orchestra concerts, University of Nevada, Reno, renochamberorchestra.org, 775-348-9413

VIRGINIA CITY—St. Mary's in the Mountains Catholic Church & Museum Celebrates 150 Years, dioceseofreno.org, 775-847-9099

WINNEMUCCA—American Dream Gun Show, Winnemucca Convention Center, winnemucca.com, 775-835-9677

SEPTEMBER 15

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Roller Derby Bouts, Battle Born Derby Demons, battlebornderbydemons.com, 775-334-4636

SEPTEMBER 16

ELKO—NENHA, Elko County Fairgrounds, exploreelko.com, 775-397-2557

CARSON CITY—Carson City Symphony Concert, Carson City Community Center, arts4nevada.org, 775-883-4154

CARSON CITY & LAKE TAHOE—Edible Pedal 100, road bike ride, ediblepedal100.org, 775-393-9158

RENO—Journal Jog, Reno High School, rgj.com/journaljog, 775-334-4636

RENO—Community Festival, Comstock Park, encounterhope.org, 775-284-4673

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—22-mile Tahoe Fall Classic Stand Up Paddle Board Race Across Lake Tahoe, tahoesouth.com, 530-581-3029

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Athleta Iron Girl Triathlon, irongirl.com, 530-544-5050

SEPTEMBER 17-23

WINNEMUCCA—Good Sams Samboree, Winnemucca Events Complex, 775-340-2198

SEPTEMBER 17-29

RENO—NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity & Trade Show, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, nrcha.com,

580-759-4949

SEPTEMBER 18

SPARKS—Scheels Kids Klub: Gold Panning 101, Scheels, scheelssports.com, 775-331-2700

SEPTEMBER 19

STATELINE—The Legendary Rhythm & Blues Revue, Harrah's Lake Tahoe, southshoreroom.com, 800-745-3000

SEPTEMBER 19-23

RENO/SPARKS/VIRGINIA CITY—Street Vibrations, road-shows.com, 775-329-7469

SEPTEMBER 20

DAYTON—Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce Community Mixer, Builders Wholesale, 775-246-7909

ELKO—V-L Barrel Series, Elko County Fairgrounds, exploreelko.com, 775-388-4112

RENO—Big Time Rush, Reno Events Center, ticketmaster.com, 800-367-7366

RENO—Brit Floyd: The World's Greatest Pink Floyd Show, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 775-789-2000

TAHOE CITY—"Breaks, Brains, and Balls: The Story of Joe Conforte," talk by author David Toll, Gatekeeper's Museum, northtahoemuseums.org, 530-583-1762

SEPTEMBER 20-23

ELY—Nevada Railway Symposium, Nevada Northern Railway, nnrys.com, 866-407-8326

SQUAW VALLEY—Tahoe Fat Tire Festival, biking, racing, demos, movies & bands, squaw.com, 800-403-0206

SEPTEMBER 21

ELKO—Family Skate Night, exploreelko.com, 775-777-7260

ELKO—POW*MIA National Recognition Day, exploreelko.com, 775-397-1492

RENO—George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Silver Legacy, silverlegacyreno.com, 775-325-7343

RENO—Ultimate Reno Combat 37, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 775-789-2000

RENO—William L. Fox on the Art and Art History of Antarctica, Museum of Art, nevadaart.org, 775-329-3333

SEPTEMBER 21-22

JACKPOT—Bob Zany Presents The Women of Comedy, Cactus Petes, ameristar.com, 800-821-1103

SEPTEMBER 21-23

BLACK ROCK DESERT—National Public Lands Day at Trego Hot Springs, Black Rock Desert, nevadawilderness.org, 775-815-5598

ELKO—Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival, exploreelko.com, 775-397-2494

ELKO—Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Fandango, 775-738-9251

FERNLEY—Vaquero Days & Senior Pro Rodeo, Fernley Out of Town Park & Arena, fernleychamber.org,

775-575-4459

SEPTEMBER 21-24

BATTLE MOUNTAIN—Lander County Fair, battlemountaintourism.com, 775-635-1112

SEPTEMBER 22

CRYSTAL BAY—Silver Spur Jubilee, Kids & Horses annual barbecue fundraiser, Crystal Bay Club, kidsandhorses.org, 775-267-1775

DAYTON—Open Air Market, daytonchamber.org, 775-246-7909

ELKO—Men-Mule Race & Trail Trial, exploreelko.com, 775-753-6164

ELY—BBQ Express, dinner train, Nevada Northern Railway, nnry.com, 866-407-8326

ELY—Take it to the Lake Half-Marathon, elyhalfmarathon.com

FALLON—The Defibulators, Oats Park Art Center, thedefibulators.com, 775-423-1440

FALLON—Tractors & Truffles, gourmet dining experience on various farms, tractorsandtruffles.com, 775-423-4556

LAMOILLE—Family Fall Festival, exploreelko.com, 775-738-7135

RENO—The Big Dig, experience driving heavy construction equipment, Rilite Aggregate, renobigdig.org/event.html

RENO—Color Me Rad Reno, 5K, University of Nevada, Reno, colormerad.com, 800-367-7366

RENO—Crosby, Stills & Nash, Reno Events Center, ticketmaster.com, 888-288-1833

RENO—Government Mule, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 775-789-2000

RENO—Just Desserts, Art Source Gallery, fundraiser for Safe Haven Rescue Zoo, safehavenwildlife.com, 775-538-7093

RENO—Roller Derby Bouts, Battle Born Derby Demons, City Plaza, battlebornderbydemons.com, 775-334-4636

RENO—Show Us Your Talent, Pioneer Underground, renotahoe.comedy.com, 775-322-5233

SQUAW VALLEY—Tahoe Sierra Century, 100-mile scenic bike ride, 800-403-0206

WENDOVER—Wendover Air Show, westwendovercity.com, 775-664-3081

YERINGTON—Dini's Wine Walk, masonvalleychamber.org, 775-463-2245

SEPTEMBER 22-23

NORTHSTAR—Tough Mudder, obstacle courses designed by British Special Forces, toughmudder.com, 800-367-7366

TAHOE CITY—Basketweavers' Gathering, Gatekeeper's Museum, arts4nevada.org, 530-583-1762

SEPTEMBER 23

ELY—Step toe Valley Flyer Train Ride, Nevada Northern Railway, nnry.com, 866-407-8326



RENO—Wilco, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 800-501-2651

SEPTEMBER 25

RENO—Special Olympics celebrates Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day (EKS Day), Reno Police Department, reno.gov, 775-334-2178

SEPTEMBER 26

RENO—Mac Miller, Reno Events Center, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

SEPTEMBER 27

RENO—Nevada Rock Art Foundation Distinguished Lecture: Dr. Robert Layton, Museum of Art, nevadaart.org, 775-329-3333

RENO—Train, Reno Events Center, ticketmaster.com, 800-367-7366

RENO—UNR Foundation Banquet, featuring New York Times best-selling author Charles Duhigg, University of Nevada, Reno, unr.edu, 775-682-6014

STATELINE—Matisyahu/Dirty Heads, MontBleu, ticketmaster.com, 800-367-7366

SEPTEMBER 27-30

ELKO—Ruby Mountain Film Festival, exploreelko.com, 775-340-8025

SEPTEMBER 28

EUREKA—"Tortoise & The Hare," Missoula Children's Theatre, Eureka Opera House, eurekaopera.com, 775-237-6006

RENO—Joe Walsh of the Eagles, Silver Legacy, silverlegacy.com, 775-325-7343

STATELINE—Penn & Teller, Harrah's Lake Tahoe, southshoreroom.com, 800-687-8733

SEPTEMBER 28-29

RENO—Cardboard Box City, Wingfield Park, familypromisereno.org, 775-334-4636

SEPTEMBER 28-30

CRYSTAL BAY—Run for the North Shore Fall Colors, car show, Tahoe Biltmore, goodsamsaferide.com, 530-541-7300

NORTHSTAR—Tara Llanes Classic Downhill Mountain Bike Race, northstarcalifornia.com, 800-466-6784

TAHOE CITY/SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Lake Tahoe Marathon, laketahoemarathon.com, 800-367-7366

SEPTEMBER 29

FORT CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK—Full-Moon Hike, parks.nv.gov, 775-577-4880

SEPTEMBER 29

LAKE TAHOE—Full Moon Kayak Adventures, tahoeadventurecompany.com, 866-830-6125

RENO—Harvest of Homes Tour, historicreno.org, 775-747-4478

RENO—Lacy J. Dalton, Pioneer Underground Theater, renotahocomedy.com, 775-322-5233

RENO—Jeff Foxworthy, Silver Legacy, silverlegacyreno.com, 800-687-8733

RENO—Lynyrd Skynyrd, Reno Events Center,

ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Stars, Strings, & Sipping, stargazing packages, Avalon Lodge, avalonlodge.com, 530-544-2285

STATEWIDE—Museum Day Live!, participating museums offer free admission on this day, smithsonianmag.com/museumday, 202-633-1000

YERINGTON—Mason Valley Trap Club International Trapshoot, masonvalleychamber.org, 775-463-3301

SEPTEMBER 29-30

FALLON—Fallon Senior Pro Rodeo, Churchill County Fairgrounds, visitfallonnevada.com, 775-867-2115

GENOA—Candy Dance Arts & Crafts Faire, downtown Genoa, genoanevada.org, 775-782-8696

RENO—Spooky Jingles, handcrafted show, Reno Elks Lodge, spookyjingles.com, 775-742-4173

VIRGINIA CITY—Ferrari Hill Climb, ferraripacific.org, 775-847-7500

SEPTEMBER 30

JACKPOT—Jeff Foxworthy, Cactus Petes, ameristar.com, 800-821-1103

RENO—Galena Fest, mountain bike climb, trail run, expo, kid's activities, Galena Creek Regional Park, renogalenafest.com, 775-853-4050

OCTOBER 1

SUTCLIFFE—Opening Day of Trout Fishing Season at Pyramid Lake, pyramidlake.us, 888-225-2688

OCTOBER 2

RENO—Rise Against, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 800-501-2651

OCTOBER 5

RENO—Kathy Griffin, Silver Legacy, silverlegacyreno.com, 800-687-8733

RENO—Weird Al Yankovic, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 775-789-2000

OCTOBER 5-6

RENO—Fall Fest Craft Fair, Reno/Sparks Indian Colony, 775-425-3561

OCTOBER 5-7

ELKO—Elko Band Powwow, 775-385-2154

ELKO—Will James Society Gathering, exploreelko.com, 775-777-8264

FALLON—Fastest Gun Alive—World Cowboy Fast Draw Championship, Churchill County Fairgrounds, visitfallonnevada.com, 775-423-4556

RENO—Just Between Friends Fall/Winter Sale, Reno/Sparks Livestock Events Center, jbfssale.com, 775-351-6236

WINNEMUCCA—Fall Home & Garden Show, Events Complex, 775-621-8528

OCTOBER 6

BATTLE MOUNTAIN—Battle Mountain General Hospital Health Fair, battlemountaintourism.com, 775-635-1112

FALLON—No Hill Hundred, Churchill County

Fairgrounds, 100-mile bike ride, churchillcounty.org/parksnrec, 775-423-7733

FORT CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK—Guided Hike Through the Fort Churchill ruins, parks.nv.gov, 775-577-4880

LAMOILLE—Harvest Festival, exploreelko.com, 800-248-ELKO

NORTH LAKE TAHOE—Oktoberfest Trail, 7.9-mile run from Tahoe City to Squaw Valley, bigblueadventure.com, 530-546-1019

RENO—Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Experience, Silver Legacy, silverlegacyreno.com, 800-687-8733

STATELINE—Oktoberfest, MontBleu, montbleuresort.com, 800-648-3353

TRUCKEE—Downtown Truckee Wine, Walk, & Shop, truckeevinewalk.com, 530-550-2252

WINNEMUCCA—'70s Disco Dance, Winnemucca Convention Center, winnemucca.com, 775-625-3200

YERINGTON—Oktoberfest, masonvalleychamber.org, 775-463-3301

OCTOBER 6-7

RENO—The Eldorado Great Italian Festival, eldoradoareno.com, 775-334-4636

RENO—Reno Celtic Celebration, Bartley Ranch Regional Park, renoceltic.org, 800-367-7366

SILVER SPRINGS—Lyon County Fly-In, Silver Springs Airport, lyoncountyflyin.com, 775-887-1294

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Kokanee Salmon Festival, Lake Tahoe Visitor Center at Taylor Creek, fs.usda.gov, 530-543-2600

VIRGINIA CITY—World Championship Outhouse Races, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-847-4386

OCTOBER 7

RENO—Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Grand Sierra, komenorthnv.org, 775-355-7311

WELLS—18 The Hard Way, Chimney Rock Golf Course, wellsnevada.com, 775-752-3540

OCTOBER 7-14

LAKE TAHOE—Lake Tahoe Restaurant Week, tahoerestaurantweek.com, 530-544-5050

OCTOBER 10

CRYSTAL BAY—Anders Osborne Band & Robert Walter's 20th Congress, Crystal Bay Club, crystalbaycasino.com, 775-833-6333

OCTOBER 10-14

LAKE TAHOE/RENO—Gran Fondo Reno long-distance cycling event from Lake Tahoe to Reno, granfondousa.com, 775-334-4636

OCTOBER 12

EUREKA—Lulu Lafever, swing/jazz, Eureka Opera House, eurekaopera.com, 775-237-6006

RENO—Carrie Underwood, Reno Events Center, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

VIRGINIA CITY—Lasagna Cookoff & Wine Tasting, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-848-6364



N O R T H E R N N E V A D A

OCTOBER 12-14

WINNEMUCCA—American West Barrel Racing Circuit Finals, winnemucca.com, 800-962-2638

OCTOBER 13

ELKO—Farmers Market, exploreelko.com, 775-778-9555

FALLON—In the Footsteps of Django, Oats Park Art Center, herschelfreemanagency.com, 775-423-1440

JACKPOT—Ed Kowalczyk of Live, Cactus Petes, ameristar.com, 800-821-1103

RENO—Society of Seven featuring Jasmine Trias, Atlantis Casino, atlantiscasino.com, 888-551-7007

UNIONVILLE (near)—Tiger Dash, 5K run/walk, Safe Haven Rescue Zoo, safehavenwildlife.com, 775-538-7093

WELLS—Crab Feed, Chimney Rock Golf Course, wellsnevada.com, 775-752-3540

WINNEMUCCA—Harvest Hops & Grapes, beer & wine tasting, winnemucca.com, 800-962-2638

OCTOBER 13-14, 20-21

MINDEN—Historic Clothing Exhibit, Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park, dangberghomeranch.org, 775-783-9417

OCTOBER 15

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Stars, Strings, & Sipping, stargazing packages, Avalon Lodge, avalonlodge.com, 530-544-2285

YERINGTON—Lyon County Quilt Show, masonvalleychamber.org, 775-463-3301

OCTOBER 16-18

YERINGTON—Chester Smith Memorial Tournament, masonvalleychamber.org, 775-463-3301

OCTOBER 18-19

YERINGTON—Boyz Nite Out performance, Jeanne Dini Center, masonvalleychamber.org, 775-463-3301

OCTOBER 19

ELKO—Family Skate Night, exploreelko.com, 775-777-7260

RENO—Jay Leno, Silver Legacy, silverlegacyreno.com, 800-687-8733

OCTOBER 19-20

JACKPOT—Lorrie Morgan & Pam Tillis, Cactus Petes, ameristar.com, 800-821-1103

OCTOBER 20

CARLIN—The Spook Walk, cityofcarlin.com, 775-754-6354

CARSON CITY—Ghost Walk Tours, Historic District, carsoncityghostwalk.com, 775-687-7410

ELKO—Snobowl Benefit Spaghetti Feed, exploreelko.com, 775-777-7260

ELY—Scary Scramble Golf Tournament, White Pine Golf Course, elynevada.net, 800-496-9350

RENO—Phil's Family Show, Reno Philharmonic, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, renophil.com, 775-323-6393

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WINNEMUCCA—Spook Night, Events Complex, 775-623-6249

YERINGTON—Dini's Fall Festival, masonvalleychamber.org, 775-463-3301

OCTOBER 20-27

RENO—Wrangler/ Professionals Choice ACTRA National Finals, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, actra.org, 509-947-6450

OCTOBER 21

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Stars, Strings, & Sipping, stargazing packages, Avalon Lodge, avalonlodge.com, 530-544-2285

OCTOBER 21 & 23

RENO—Classix Two, Reno Philharmonic, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, renophil.com, 775-323-6393

OCTOBER 21-22

RENO—Repticon, Ramada Reno, repticon.com, 775-786-5151

OCTOBER 22

GARDNERVILLE—Stars, Strings, & Sipping, stargazing packages, The Historian Inn, historian-inn.com, 775-783-1175

OCTOBER 24

RENO—Bassnectar, sensory musical experience Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 800-501-2651

OCTOBER 25-28

CARSON CITY—Nevada Day Battle Born Celebration, salute to military, battleborndays.com, 775-720-7216

CARSON CITY—RSVP Nevada Day Carnival, Mills Park, nevadaday.com, 775-882-2600

OCTOBER 26

ELKO—Elko County Library Halloween Event, exploreelko.com, 775-738-3066

OCTOBER 26-27

RENO—Thunder From Down Under, Atlantis, atlantiscasino.com, 888-551-7007

WINNEMUCCA—Halloween Haunted House, Winnemucca Convention Center, winnemucca.com, 775-304-4135

OCTOBER 26-28

STATELINE—Tahoe South Food & Wine Festival, Harrah's and Harveys Lake Tahoe, harrahs.com, 775-588-6611

OCTOBER 27

CARSON CITY—Nevada Day Parade, nevadaday.com, 775-882-2600

FORT CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK—Halloween Safehouse at Buckland Station, parks.nv.gov, 775-577-4880

JARBIDGE—Jarbridge Halloween Celebration, Jarbridge.org, e-mail: jar1@jarbridge.org

STATELINE—Freaker's Ball, MontBleu, montbleuresort.com, 800-648-3353

STATELINE—Leon Russell, Harrah's Lake Tahoe, southshoreroom.com, 800-745-3000

VIRGINIA CITY—1864 Governor's Ball, Piper's Opera House, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-847-0433

OCTOBER 27-28

SPRING CREEK—V Bar L Rodeo Productions, Spring Creek Horse Palace, springcreeknv.net, 775-388-4112

OCTOBER 30

YERINGTON—Community Halloween Party, masonvalleychamber.org, 775-463-3301

OCTOBER 30-31

ELKO—Trick or Treat Street, exploreelko.com, 775-738-9895

OCTOBER 31

RENO—Trunk or Treat, Comstock Park, encounterhope.org, 775-334-4636

SPARKS—Trick or Treat Safely at Scheels, scheelssports.com, 775-331-2700

VIRGINIA CITY—Ghost Hunt & Dinner at the Mackay Mansion, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-721-9305

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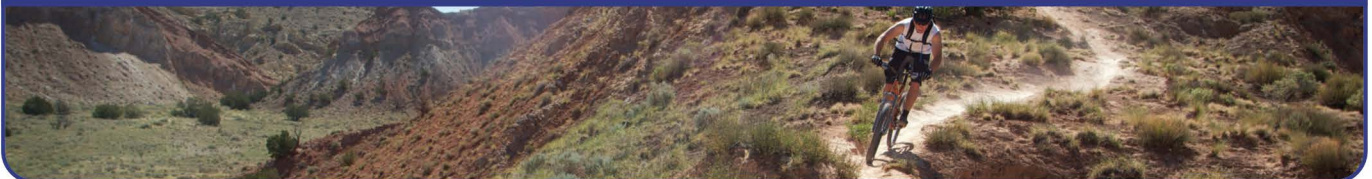


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THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9

Carnevale, The Venetian & The Palazzo, venetian.com/carnevale

"The Glass Menadeity," Las Vegas Little Theatre, lvt.org, 702-362-7996

AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2

Las Vegas Restaurant Week, citywide, threesquare.org, 702-644-3663

AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1

HENDERSON—Miracles Happen!, Convention Center, hendersonlive.com, 281-789-7500

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1

The Metal King & The Monsters of Rock, Riviera, rivierahotel.com, 855-468-6748

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 2

Air Supply, The Orleans, orleanscasino.com, 702-365-7075

MythBusters: Behind the Myths Tour, The Venetian, venetian.com, 866-641-7469

Off the Strip: New Genres Festival, lasvegascac.org, 702-382-3886

Pauly Shore, South Point, southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

BLUE DIAMOND—Las Vegas Paracon, Bonnie Springs, bonniesprings.com, 702-875-4191

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 3

PIOCHE—Labor Day Celebration, piochenevada.com, 775-962-5848

SEPTEMBER 1

Dee Snider of Twisted Sister, Fremont Street Experience, vegasexperience.com

The Dreaming, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

Freddie McGregor, Silverton, silvertoncasino.com, 866-722-4608

King of the Cage, Eastside Cannery, eastsidecannery.com, 866-999-4899

Neil Diamond, MGM Grand, mgmgrand.com, 800-745-3000

PRIDE Kick-Off Party, Charlie's Las Vegas, lasvegaspride.org, 866-930-3336

Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers, House of Blues, houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

Saturday Night Dive-In Movie Series: "The Lorax," JW Marriott, jwlasvegasresort.com, 702-869-7777

Shaquille O'Neal All-Star Comedy Jam, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

Tony Bennett, Caesars Palace, thecolosseum.com, 800-745-3000

UFC 151: Jones vs. Henderson, Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com, 800-745-3000

311 & Slightly Stoopid, Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com, 800-745-3000

HENDERSON—Wine Walk, The Village at Lake Las Vegas, montelagovillage.com, 877-997-6667

LAUGHLIN—Kellie Pickler, E Center, edgewater-casino.tix.com, 702-298-2453

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Kool & KJ's End of Summer Bash, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

PRIMM—Smokey Robinson, Star of the Desert Arena, primmvalleyresorts.com, 800-FUN-STOP

SEPTEMBER 1, 6, 9-10, 13-15

"CLOSER," Atlas Theatre, atlas theatre.org, 702-884-5190

SEPTEMBER 1-2

Create an Artist's Sketchbook, Las Vegas Natural History Museum, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-6383

Earl Turner, Suncoast, suncoastcasino.com, 877-677-7111

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Extreme Midget Wrestling, Riviera, rivierahotel.com, 855-468-6748

Las Vegas Gun Show, Sport Center, visitlasvegas.com, 702-892-0711

Survival Expo, Cashman Center, visitlasvegas.com, 702-892-0711

MESQUITE—Smokin' in Mesquite BBQ, CasaBlanca, mesquitebbqchampionship.com, 888-711-4653

SEPTEMBER 1-3

LAUGHLIN—International Gift & Craft Show, River Palms, igcshows.com, 714-206-1054

PIOCHE—Creative Artist of Lincoln County Exhibit, Old Pioche Elementary School, piochenevada.com, 775-728-4408

SEPTEMBER 2

Chico DeBarge, Silverton, silvertoncasino.com, 866-722-4608

FESTIBRAWL (Amateur Fighting Championships), South Point, southpointarena.com, 702-796-7111

Sugarland, Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com, 800-745-3000

Tedeschi Trucks Band & B.B. King, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

MESQUITE—Zowie Bowie, CasaBlanca, casablancaresort.com, 877-438-2929

PRIMM—Three Dog Night, Star of the Desert Arena, primmvalleyresorts.com, 800-FUN-STOP

RACHEL—Labor Day BBQ, Little A'Le'Inn, rachel-nevada.com, 775-729-2515

SEPTEMBER 3

RHUMBAR Labor Day Party, Mirage, rhumbarlvm.com

SEPTEMBER 4-10

Gay Days Las Vegas, lasvegaspride.org, 866-930-3336

SEPTEMBER 5

Imagine Dragons, Hard Rock Café, hardrock.com, 702-733-7625

SEPTEMBER 6

Little Hurricane, The Cosmopolitan, cosmopolitanlasvegas.com, 702-698-7000

HENDERSON—Belinda Carlisle w/ A Flock of Seagulls & Men Without Hats, Henderson Pavilion, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

SEPTEMBER 6-9

LAUGHLIN—Australia's "Thunder From Down Under," Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849



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SEPTEMBER 6-22

SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH STATE PARK—
"Leader of the Pack," Super Summer Theatre,
supersummertheatre.org, 702-594-7529

SEPTEMBER 7

Black Audio, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com,
702-693-5000

Gotye, House of Blues, houseofblues.com,
702-632-7600

Jane's Addiction, The Cosmopolitan,
cosmopolitanlasvegas.com, 702-698-7000

Mary J. Blige & D'Angelo w/ Melanie Fiona, Palms,
ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

HENDERSON—ArtBeat: Casey Abrams, Events Plaza,
hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

HENDERSON—Gary Allan, Sunset Station,
sunsetstation.sclv.com, 800-745-3000

SEPTEMBER 7-8

Chicago, LVH, thelvh.com, 888-732-7117

SEPTEMBER 7-9

The Four Freshmen, South Point,
southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

Harvest Festival Original Art & Craft Show,
Cashman Center, visitlasvegas.com, 702-892-0711

SEPTEMBER 7-9, 15-17

BOULDER CITY—Triple Crown Fall Nationals Baseball
Tournament, Veteran's Memorial Park,
bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com, 970-672-0568

SEPTEMBER 8

Another Evening of Pop & Doo Wop, Sam's Town,
samstowntownlv.com, 702-284-7777

BLUE DIAMOND—Chili Cook-Off, Bonnie Springs,
bonniesprings.com, 702-875-4191

BOULDER CITY—Pedal to the Medal (50-mile bicycle
ride), West Career & Technical Academy (begins),
sonv.org, 702-474-0690 x.206

LAUGHLIN—Gary Allan, Harrah's,
harrahslaughlin.com

MOUNT CHARLESTON—Women of da Blues,
Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard Resort, skilasvegas.com,
702-385-2754

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Frank Sinatra Jr. Sings Sinatra,
Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

OLD LAS VEGAS MORMON FORT STATE HISTORIC
PARK—Veterans' Celebration Letters, parks.nv.gov,
702-486-3511

SEPTEMBER 8-9

Bill Maher, The Orleans, orleanscasino.com,
702-365-7075

SEPTEMBER 9

HENDERSON—Ironman World Championship 70.3,
Henderson Pavilion, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

SEPTEMBER 9-15

High Roller Reining, South Point,
southpointarena.com, 702-796-7111

SEPTEMBER 11

Smart Chicks Kick It Book Tour, Reed Whipple Cultural
Center, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-6383

SEPTEMBER 11-16

San Gennaro Feast, Silverton, sangennarofeast.com,
702-286-4944

LAUGHLIN—"Un-BOY-lievable," starring Jimmy
Emerson, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

SEPTEMBER 12

The Dave Matthews Tribute Band, Hard Rock,
hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

SEPTEMBER 13

The Hives, The Cosmopolitan,
cosmopolitanlasvegas.com, 702-698-7000

Top Rank Boxing, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com,
702-693-5000

SEPTEMBER 13, 16

An Evening w/ Esteban—Enchanted Moonlight,
The Smith Center, thesmithcenter.com, 702-749-2000

SEPTEMBER 13-15

Craig Ferguson, The Venetian, venetian.com,
866-641-7469

Luis Miguel, Caesars Palace, thecolosseum.com,
888-435-8665

SEPTEMBER 13-16

LAUGHLIN—Bare Bones Slot Tournament, Pioneer,
pioneerlaughlin.com, 800-634-3469

SEPTEMBER 14

Adam Ant, Hard Rock Café, hardrock.com,
702-733-7625

Carlos Mencia, Treasure Island, treasureisland.com,
800-392-1999

Gerardo Ortiz, LVH, thelvh.com, 888-732-7117

Gigant3s, Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com,
800-745-3000

Kung Fu String Girls Band, The Orleans,
orleanscasino.com, 702-365-7075

Leche de Tigre, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com,
702-693-5000

Nashville Unplugged: Bobby Pinson & Jason Deere,
Red Rock Resort, redrocklasvegas.com, 702-797-7777

Rock the Walk fundraiser for JDRF, Springs Preserve,
jdrflv.org, 702-732-4795

Shafer Wine Dinner, Bellagio, visitlasvegas.com,
702-892-0711

Yellowman w/ One Pin Short, Hard Rock,
hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

HENDERSON—Henderson Symphony Orchestra,
Henderson Pavilion, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Johnny Rivers, Aliante,
aliante.sclv.com, 800-745-3000

SEPTEMBER 14-15

Poncho Sanchez & His Latin Jazz Band, The Smith
Center, thesmithcenter.com, 702-749-2000

BOULDER CITY—Boulder City Chautauqua,
Boulder Theatre, bcchautauqua.org, 702-293-1161

SEPTEMBER 14-16

CATHEDRAL GORGE STATE PARK—Las Vegas
Astronomical Society Fall Star Party, parks.nv.gov,
775-728-4460

SEPTEMBER 14-30

"Side Man," Las Vegas Little Theatre, lvtl.org,
702-362-7996

SEPTEMBER 15

The Abyssinians, Silverton, silvertoncasino.com,
866-722-4608

Alejandro Fernandez, Mandalay Bay,
mandalaybay.com, 800-745-3000

Chavez Jr. vs. Martinez (boxing), Thomas & Mack
Center, unlvtickets.com, 702-739-3267

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702-369-4357

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702-693-5000

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702-365-7075

Knockout Kings: Alvarez vs. Lopez (boxing),
MGM Grand, mgmgrand.com, 800-745-3000

Matisyahu & Dirty Heads, Hard Rock,
hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

Mishka & Anuhea, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com,
702-693-5000

Oktoberfest Kick Off, Hofbräuhaus Las Vegas,
hofbrauhauslasvegas.com, 702-853-2337

Rock 'n' Roll Wine Amplified Festival w/ Young the
Giant, Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com, 800-745-3000

World of Girls: 100th Girl Scout Birthday Bash,
Cashman Center, girlscoutsnv.org, 702-385-3677

BOULDER CITY—Gamble-Aires Concert, Library
Amphitheater, gambleaires.com, 702-400-3254

BOULDER CITY—Sin City Car Show, Bicentennial
Park, bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com,
702-533-8352

LAUGHLIN—Clay Walker, Riverside Amphitheater,
riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

OLD LAS VEGAS MORMON FORT STATE HISTORIC
PARK—Civil War in the Southwest & Meet the Author
Book Festival, parks.nv.gov, 702-486-3511

PAHRUMP—Pahrump Valley Rough Riders,
pahrumppnv.org, 775-727-5107

PRIMM—Arturo Cisneros y sus Freddy's,
Star of the Desert Arena, primmvalleyresorts.com,
800-FUN-STOP

SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH STATE PARK—
Ranch Owner's Day, parks.nv.gov, 702-875-4141

SEPTEMBER 15-16

Arturo Sandoval, The Orleans, orleanscasino.com,
702-365-7075

Charo, South Point, southpointcasino.com,
866-796-7111



HENDERSON—Prince Jonah Kuhio Ho'olaule'a Festival, Water Street District, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

SEPTEMBER 16

A Salute to Our Veterans, South Point, southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

Maná, MGM Grand, mgmgrand.com, 800-745-3000

SEPTEMBER 17-18

BOULDER CITY—Interbike Outdoor Demo, interbike.com, 949-226-5712

SEPTEMBER 17-22

LAUGHLIN—Talent Quest National Finals Karaoke Singing Contest, Tropicana, talentquest.org, 405-256-6492

SEPTEMBER 18-20

Hosting & Cloud Transformation Summit North America, ARIA, na2012.hostingtransformation.com

SEPTEMBER 19

CrossVegas, largest cyclocross race in the U.S., Desert Breeze Soccer Complex, crossvegas.com, 303-684-9170

Dead Kennedys, Hard Rock Café, hardrock.com, 702-733-7625

Las Vegas' Largest Mixer VIII, Texas Station, lasvegasmixer.com, 702-769-7799

SEPTEMBER 19-21

Interbike, Sands Expo, interbike.com, 949-226-5712

SEPTEMBER 19-23

LAUGHLIN—Carnaval Fantastique, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

SEPTEMBER 20

Daryl Hall & John Oates, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

DISH Las Vegas, Palms, threesquare.org, 702 644-3663

Robert Randolph & The Family Band, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

Ryan Leslie, The Cosmopolitan, cosmopolitanlasvegas.com, 702-698-7000

Stone Temple Pilots, Palms, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

USA Gymnastics Champions, Thomas & Mack Center, unlvtickets.com, 702-739-3267

2 Chainz Based on a T.R.U. Story Tour, House of Blues, houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

SEPTEMBER 20-22

Barrett-Jackson's Las Vegas Collector Car Auction, Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com, 800-745-3000

SEPTEMBER 20-23

KillerCon 4 sci-fi convention, Stratosphere, killercon.com

HENDERSON—Super Run Classic Car Show, Events Plaza, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

SEPTEMBER 21

Luke Bryan, Red Rock Resort, ticketmaster.com,

800-745-3000

The Poets' Corner, West Las Vegas Arts Center Community Gallery, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-4800

The Sweet Potatoes, Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-3515

HENDERSON—Jerrold Niemann, Events Plaza, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Brian Culbertson & David [Sanborn, Texas Station, texasstation.sclv.com, 800-745-3000

SEPTEMBER 21-22

Dana Carvey, The Orleans, orleanscasino.com, 702-365-7075

iHeartRadio Music Festival, MGM Grand, mgmgrand.com, 800-745-3000

LAUGHLIN—\$12,000 Bingo Bonanza, Golden Nugget, goldennugget.com, 866-714-4185

SEPTEMBER 21-23

Buckles & Barrels for Bailey, South Point, southpointarena.com, 702-796-7111

Gary Puckett, South Point, southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

Las Vegas Greek Festival, St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, lasvegasgreekfestival.com, 702-221-8245

LAUGHLIN—Rock the Ink Festival, E Center, edgewater-casino.tix.com, 702 298-2453

SEPTEMBER 21-23, 28-30

HENDERSON—"SEUSSICAL," Henderson Pavilion, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

SEPTEMBER 22

Ashton Zyer—Takin' Over Me, The Smith Center, thesmithcenter.com, 702-749-2000

Flobots, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

Joe Walsh, Palms, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

Lucas Oil Weekend Special, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, lvms.com, 702-632-8231

USA Ballroom Dance, Charleston Heights Arts Center, usadancelasvegas.org, 702-229-6383

Viva Bike Vegas Gran Fondo (118-, 72-, & 17-mile courses), vivabikevegas.com

CATHEDRAL GORGE STATE PARK—Dutch Oven Cook-Off, parks.nv.gov, 775-728-4460

HENDERSON—Toto, Green Valley Ranch, greenvallyranch.sclv.com, 800-745-3000

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Tito Puente Jr., Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

OLD LAS VEGAS MORMON FORT STATE HISTORIC PARK—Civil War Family Program, parks.nv.gov, 702-486-3511

PAHRUMP—Moshball Tournament, Petrack Park, pahrumpnv.org, 775-727-5107

SEPTEMBER 22-23

Voices 3, Suncoast, suncoastcasino.com, 877-677-7111

LAUGHLIN—International Gift & Craft Show, Edgewater, igcshows.com, 714-206-1054

SEPTEMBER 23

Lions Health First Foundation's Laugh-A-Thon, South Point, southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

SEPTEMBER 25

Animal Collective w/ Micachu & The Shapes, House of Blues, houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

Hey Champ, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

SEPTEMBER 26

Serj Tankian, House of Blues, houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

SEPTEMBER 26-30

LAUGHLIN—Jeff Cook & the All-Star Goodtime Band, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

SEPTEMBER 27

Barcelona, The Cosmopolitan, cosmopolitanlasvegas.com, 702-698-7000

Strung Out, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

SEPTEMBER 27-28

Bronx Wanderers, South Point, southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

SEPTEMBER 27-30

Las Vegas BikeFest, citywide, lasvegasbikefest.com, 866-245-3337

LAUGHLIN—Roddin' on the River Charity Car Show, Riverside, rivercruizers.com, 800-227-3849

PAHRUMP—Pahrump Fair & Festival, Petrack Park, visitpahrump.com, 866-722-5800

SEPTEMBER 28

Bill Cosby, Treasure Island, treasureisland.com, 800-392-1999

Rock & Brew III, Chateau Nightclub, brewunlv.com

BOULDER CITY—Las Vegas BikeFest Poker Run, Hemenway Park, lasvegasbikefest.com, 866-245-3337

HENDERSON—ArtBeat: Benton Paul, Events Plaza, HendersonLive.com, 702-267-2171

SEPTEMBER 28-29

NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Smith's 350 & Global Rallycross, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, lvms.com, 702-632-8231

Rock Vegas w/ Rob Zombie, Shinedown, Marilyn Manson, & Godsmack; Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com, 800-745-3000

LAUGHLIN—Tierra & The Midnites, Tropicana, tropicanax.com, 800-243-6846

LAUGHLIN—Viva Tropicana Classic Car Show, Tropicana, visitlaughlin.com, 800-243-6846

SEPTEMBER 28-30

Mr. Olympia, The Orleans, orleanscasino.com, 702-365-7075

Polo America Open & Post Game Dance, South Point,



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southpointarena.com, 702-796-7111

Rock-n-Wheels Weekend, LVH, thelvh.com, 888-732-7117

Steve Solomon's "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish, & I'm In Therapy," The Smith Center, thesmithcenter.com, 702-749-2000

LAUGHLIN—\$20,000 Blackjack Blitz Tournament, Golden Nugget, goldennugget.com, 866-714-4185

SEPTEMBER 29

Australian Pink Floyd, Palms, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

The Birthday Massacre, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

Community Artist Series: Mohummed-Rafee Shakir "Shamanic Syntax," West Las Vegas Arts Center Community Gallery, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-4800

Fishbone, Hard Rock Café, hardrock.com, 702-733-7625

Frozen Fury 15: L.A. Kings vs. Colorado Avalanche, MGM Grand, mgmgrand.com, 800-745-3000

Las Vegas International Scouting Memorabilia Exchange & Show, Palace Station, worldscoutingmuseum.org

Pride & Prejudice and Zombies English Dance, Charleston Heights Arts Center, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-6383

Smithsonian magazine's Museum Day, smithsonianmag.com/museumday

BOULDER CITY—UNLV Desert Invitational, Veteran's Memorial Park, bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com, 702-895-3985

BOULDER CITY—WurstFest, Bicentennial Park, bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com, 702-373-3745

HENDERSON—Motown Sounds: The Original Cornell Gunter's Coasters, Sunset Station, sunsetstation.sclv.com, 800-745-3000

NORTH LAS VEGAS—38 Special, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

OLD LAS VEGAS MORMON FORT STATE HISTORIC PARK—Jewelry Making, parks.nv.gov, 702-486-3511

SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH STATE PARK—Full-Moon Hike into Ash Grove, parks.nv.gov, 702-875-4141

SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH STATE PARK—Pioneer Day, parks.nv.gov, 702-875-4141

SEPTEMBER 29-30

Christopher Titus, South Point, southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

Gary Lewis & The Playboys, Suncoast, suncoastcasino.com, 877-677-7111

LAUGHLIN—Gun/Collectibles Show, Edgewater, mcmannsroadrunner.com, 800-677-4837

SEPTEMBER 30

Justin Bieber, MGM Grand, mgmgrand.com, 800-745-3000

SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH STATE PARK—Full-Moon Hike into Sandstone Canyon, parks.nv.gov, 702-875-4141

OCTOBER 1

Rise Against, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

OCTOBER 1-2

Asian Food Festival & Trade Show, The Orleans, enterthereddragon.com, 702-501-8147

OCTOBER 1-7

Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (golf), TPC Summerlin, jtshrinersopen.com, 702-873-1010

OCTOBER 3

Tomorrows Bad Seeds, Hard Rock Café, hardrock.com, 702-733-7625

OCTOBER 3-7

Batman Live, Thomas & Mack Center, unlvtickets.com, 702-739-3267

LAUGHLIN—Craig Shoemaker, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

OCTOBER 4

Furthur featuring Phil Lesh & Bob Weir, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

GroupLove, The Cosmopolitan, cosmopolitanlasvegas.com, 702-698-7000

OCTOBER 5

Chevelle, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

Dark Star Orchestra, House of Blues, houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

Peter Gabriel, Planet Hollywood, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

HENDERSON—Imagination Movers Live, Henderson Pavilion, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

OCTOBER 5-7

Age of Chivalry Renaissance Festival, Silver Bowl Park, visitlasvegas.com, 702-892-0711

AQHA Novice Championship Show, South Point, southpointarena.com, 702-796-7111

Disney Live: "Phineas & Ferb—The Best Live Tour EVER!," The Orleans, orleanscasino.com, 702-365-7075

Food & Wine All-Star Weekend, MGM Resorts properties, mgmresorts.com/foodandwine

Home Expo Las Vegas Fall Show, Cashman Center, visitlasvegas.com, 702-892-0711

The Lettermen, South Point, southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

LAUGHLIN—Tri-State "T" Roaring '20s, Aquarius, aquariuscasinoresort.com, 800-662-5825

OCTOBER 5-14

"Tom Sawyer," Charleston Heights Arts Center, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-6553

OCTOBER 6

Here Come the Mummies, Hard Rock Café, hardrock.com, 702-733-7625

Melissa Etheridge, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

Metric, House of Blues, houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

NBA Preseason: L.A. Clippers vs. Denver Nuggets, Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com, 800-745-3000

The Offspring, The Cosmopolitan, cosmopolitanlasvegas.com, 702-698-7000

Oktoberfest, Historic Fifth Street School, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-3515

Volunteers in Medicine Ball, The Venetian, vmsn.org, 702-967-0530 x.215

HENDERSON—FAAN Walk for Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis, The District at Green Valley Ranch, foodallergywalk.org, 702-321-2190

HENDERSON—Southern Nevada Trails Day Celebration, Cornerstone Park, cityofhenderson.com

HENDERSON—Wine Walk, The Village at Lake Las Vegas, montelagovillage.com, 877-997-6667

LAKE MEAD—Slam the Dam (Open Water Swim), slamthedam.com, 702-293-5026

LAUGHLIN—George Thorogood, Harrah's, harrahslaughlin.com

MESQUITE—Bunco or Bust, CasaBlanca, casablancaresort.com, 888-711-4653 x.14

MOUNT CHARLESTON—Hill Climb (18-mile course), Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard Resort (ends), facebook.com/mountcharlestonhillclimb

VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK—Leave No Trace Trainers Course, parks.nv.gov, 702-397-2088

OCTOBER 6-7

Don Rickles, The Orleans, orleanscasino.com, 702-365-7075

BEATTY—Las Vegas Tough Mudder (obstacle run), toughmudder.com

BOULDER CITY—Art in the Park, city parks, artinthepark.org, 702-293-0214

PAHRUMP—Grape Stomp, Pahrump Valley Winery, pahrumpwinery.com, 800-368-9463

OCTOBER 7

GlowRun 7K w/ Girl Talk, downtown, vegasglowrun.com

Jason Mraz, Red Rock Resort, redrocklasvegas.com, 702-797-7777

KCEP-FM 40th-Anniversary Awards Gala, power88lv.com

Keyboard Conversations w/ Jeffrey Siegel: Gershwin & Friends, The Smith Center, thesmithcenter.com, 702-749-2000

Mac Miller, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 702-693-5000

OCTOBER 8-19

RACHEL—Red Flag 13-1 Air Exercises, rachel-nevada.com

OCTOBER 9-14

LAUGHLIN—The Lettermen, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

OCTOBER 10

The xx, The Cosmopolitan,
cosmopolitanlasvegas.com, 702-698-7000

OCTOBER 10-14

Rock 'n' Roll Fantasy Camp w/ Gene Simmons,
MGM Grand, rockcamp.com, 888-762-2263

OCTOBER 11

Tea, Trends, & Tranquility; Four Seasons,
helpsonv.org, 702-369-4357

OCTOBER 11-13

MESQUITE—Sun City Mesquite Pickleball
Tournament, mesquitenv.com, 702-467-3072

OCTOBER 11-14

Pure Aloha Fall Festival & Concerts, Rio, vizzun.com,
702-604-9438

LAUGHLIN—Laughlin International Film Festival,
laughlinfilmfestival.com, 951-204-7209

PAHRUMP—PRCA Rodeo & Barrel Race,
McCullough Arena, pahrumpnv.com, 775-727-5107

OCTOBER 12

Shpong w/ Phuture Primitive, House of Blues,
houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

Tea Leaf Green, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com,
702-693-5000

HENDERSON—Henderson Symphony Orchestra,
Henderson Pavilion, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

HENDERSON—ArtBeat: John Parr, Events Plaza,
hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Jason Bonham's Led-Zeppelin
Experience, Aliante, aliante.sclv.com, 800-745-3000

OCTOBER 12-13

Dennis Miller, The Orleans, orleanscasino.com,
702-365-7075

Maze w/ Frankie Beverly, LVH, thelvh.com,
888-732-7117

MESQUITE—Concert Performance, Mesquite
Community Theatre, mesquitenv.com, 702-346-5295

MESQUITE—Gold Butte Days,
goldbuttedaysfestival.com, 702-346-2902

OCTOBER 12-14

Amy Schumer's Slaughterhouse Comedy's Most
Lethal Ladies, Riviera, rivierahotel.com, 855-468-6748

Winter Dance Party, South Point,
southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

PAHRUMP—Wild West Extravaganza & Gun Show,
visitpahrump.com, 866-722-5800

OCTOBER 12-21

"Art," College of Southern Nevada,
csn.edu/pac, 702-651-5483

OCTOBER 13

Chris Tucker, Palms, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

The Guess Who, Eastside Cannery,
eastsidecannery.com, 866-999-4899

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Pennywise w/ Street Dogs, House of Blues,
houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

Rediscover Downtown Day,
downtownlasvegasalliance.org

BOULDER CITY—Zombie Survival Run, Veteran's
Memorial Park, bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com,
702-712-5535

HENDERSON—Hispanic International Day Parade,
visitlasvegas.com, 702-892-0711

LINCOLN COUNTY—Park to Pedal: Extreme 100
(cycling), lincolncountynevada.com, 775-728-4460

OLD LAS VEGAS MORMON FORT STATE HISTORIC
PARK—Nevada Mining History, parks.nv.gov,
702-486-3511

OCTOBER 13-14

David Brenner, Suncoast, suncoastcasino.com,
877-677-7111

George Balanchine's *Jewels*, The Smith Center,
nevadaballet.com, 702-243-2623

Madonna, MGM Grand, mgmgrand.com, 800-745-3000

BOULDER CITY—Fall Classic Rod & Custom Car Show,
Pratte Soccer Fields & Splash Park,
bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com, 702-812-6900

BOULDER CITY—USDAA Dog Agility Trial, Veteran's
Memorial Park, bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com,
702-528-5254

OCTOBER 14

ASH MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE—
Art-in-Nature Day! fws.gov, 775-372-5435

OCTOBER 16

Dr. John & The Blind Boys of Alabama performing
"Spirituals to Funk," The Smith Center,
thesmithcenter.com, 702-749-2000

OCTOBER 16-17

Let's Play Hockey International Expo, LVH,
letsplayhockey.com

OCTOBER 16-21

LAUGHLIN—Ricky Nelson Remembered, Riverside,
riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

OCTOBER 16-25

MESQUITE—Re/Max Long Drive Championships,
Mesquite Sport & Events Complex, longdrivers.com,
888-711-4653 x.51

OCTOBER 17

A State of the Union Conversation: An Evening w/
Frank Rich & Fran Lebowitz, The Smith Center,
thesmithcenter.com, 702-749-2000

OCTOBER 18-20

Fall Festival of Speed, Las Vegas Motor Speedway,
lvms.com, 702-632-8231

OCTOBER 19

Kendrick Lamar, Hard Rock Café, hardrock.com,
702-733-7625

NBA Preseason: L.A. Lakers vs. Sacramento Kings,
Thomas & Mack Center, unltickets.com, 702-739-3267

The Sheepdogs, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com,
702-693-5000

HENDERSON—ArtBeat: Tommy Tutone, Events Plaza,
hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

HENDERSON—Jim Norton, Sunset Station,
sunsetstation.sclv.com, 800-745-3000

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Loretta Lynn, Texas Station,
texasstation.sclv.com, 800-745-3000

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Michael Franks, Aliante,
aliante.sclv.com, 800-745-3000

OCTOBER 19-20

Beer Fest, Golden Nugget, goldennugget.com,
866-946-5336

OCTOBER 19-21

California Futurity Horse Show, South Point,
southpointarena.com, 702-796-7111

Tony Orlando, South Point, southpointcasino.com,
866-796-7111

OCTOBER 20

Cheers to Chocolate (benefits Easter Seals),
Tivoli Village, eastersealsnevada.org

Downtown Brew Festival, Clark County Amphitheater,
motleybrews.com

Jimmy Buffet & The Coral Reefer Band, MGM Grand,
mgmgrand.com, 800-745-3000

Joe Felder, Palms, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

Leon Russell, Boulder Station,
boulderstation.sclv.com, 800-745-3000

Masterworks I Opening Night Celebration,
The Smith Center, lvphil.org, 702-258-5438

Monster Energy Cup (motocross/supercross),
Sam Boyd Stadium, unltickets.com, 702-739-3267

Toadies & Helmet, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com,
702-693-5000

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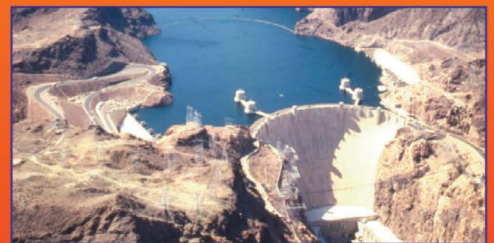
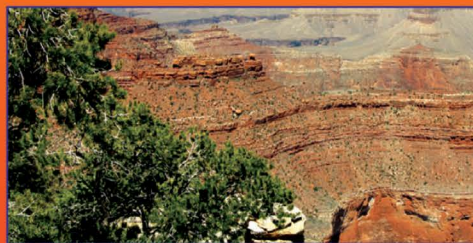
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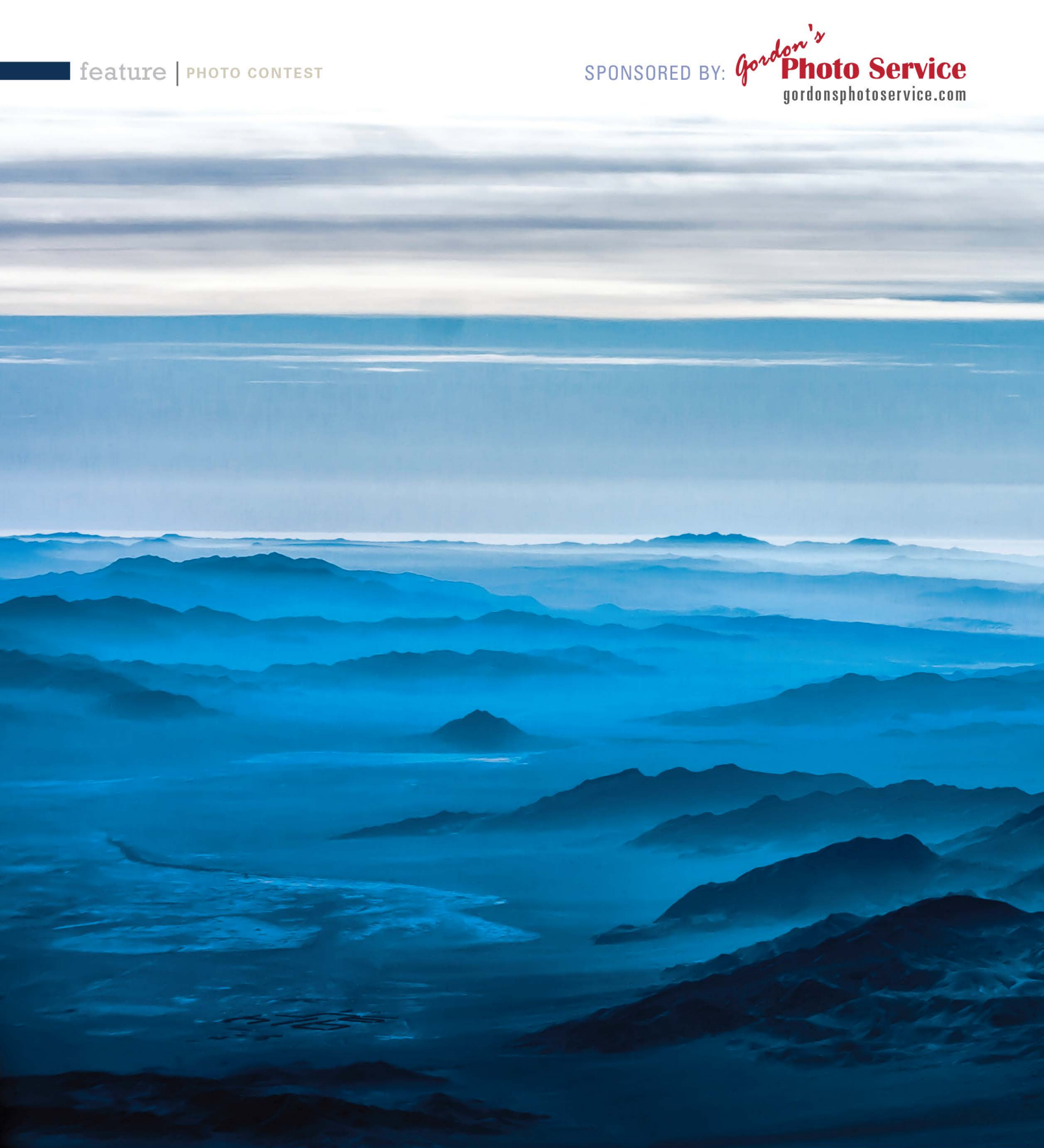
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GRAND PRIZE ♦ "Ranges Blue" ♦ Kristoffer Glenn Pfalmer, Reno ♦ kristofferglenn.com

Pfalmer disproves the theory that high-quality photos can't be taken from a window seat on a commercial flight. This image was captured from a Las Vegas-bound plane about 100 miles northwest of the city looking east from the Nevada/California state line. "It doesn't get much more wide open than this; the mountain ranges go on forever," he says. "Aerial shots are plagued with blue color casting [from the window and haze] that ruins color differences, but with this photo I used the color casting as an artistic element."



Camera: PENTAX K-7
Lens: 35-105 mm
Aperture: f/4.5
Shutter Speed: 1/1250
ISO: 125



CITY LIMITS WINNER ♦ “Vegas Lights” ♦ Jay Wanta, Overton ♦ photosfromjay.com

This vibrant view of The Cosmopolitan Las Vegas and neighboring Strip resorts was nabbed at dusk from the Paris Las Vegas Hotel & Casino across the street. “It is a blend of five images at various shutter speeds,” Wanta says.



Camera: Canon EOS 5D Mark II
Lens: 24 mm
Aperture: f/4.75
Shutter Speed: 1 to 1/60
ISO: 100



**CITY LIMITS RUNNER-UP
“CasaBlanca Reflection”**

Cliff LaPlant, Alpine, California
sierralara.com

LaPlant exited Interstate 15 in Mesquite to gas up while en route to Valley of Fire State Park. The combination of the crescent moon and the gorgeous blue lighting of the CasaBlanca Resort and Casino caught his attention. “I knew the sun would be coming up soon, so I scouted the pond area, composed a scene including the moon, palm trees, and the nice reflection and waited a few minutes for dawn,” LaPlant says.



Camera: Nikon D40x
Lens: Nikkor 12-24 mm
Tripod: Quantaray
Aperture: f/22
Shutter Speed: 30
ISO: 100

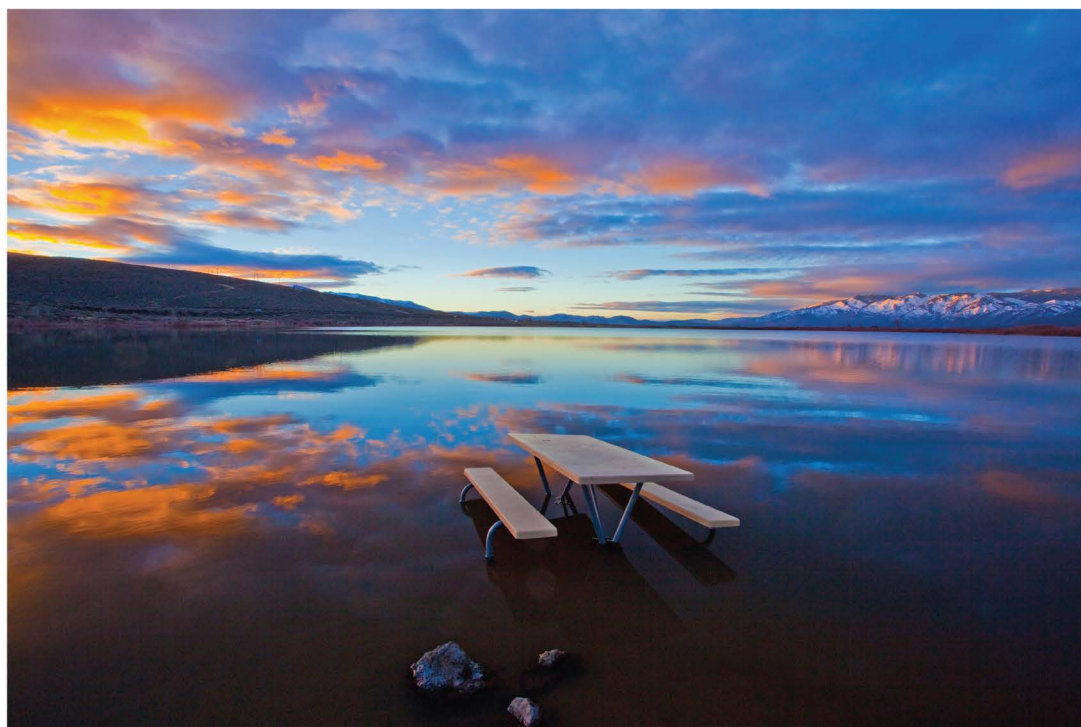


WIDE OPEN WINNER ♦ “Bonsai Black & White” ♦ Neil Lockhart, Reno ♦ neillockhartphotography.com

Lockhart has for a long while been seeking the ultimate sunset photo of Lake Tahoe’s iconic Bonsai Rock. “I often watch the Incline Village web cams to see what the clouds are doing and always head [up there] hoping for the best,” he says. “I was delighted to see that on this day there were beams of golden light shooting through the clouds.” Even with this masterpiece to his credit, Lockhart is still not satisfied. “Someday I’ll get my color shot!” he contends.



Camera: Canon EOS 50D
Lens: Canon EF 24-70L
Aperture: f/13
Shutter Speed: 2.5
ISO: 100



**WIDE OPEN RUNNER-UP
“Ant Proof Picnic”**

Dotty Molt, Reno
carpepixels.com

This majestic scene was photographed on the north end of Washoe Lake (State Park) facing south. “There was a picnic bench sitting in the cold water, and I’m pretty sure that would have kept any ants off that table,” Molt says. She prefers to shoot this area at sunrise when the clouds over Washoe Lake reflect the brilliant colors of dawn onto the water.



Camera: Canon EOS 5D Mark II
Lens: 17-40 mm
Tripod: Benro
Aperture: f/14
Shutter Speed: 1/20
ISO: 100

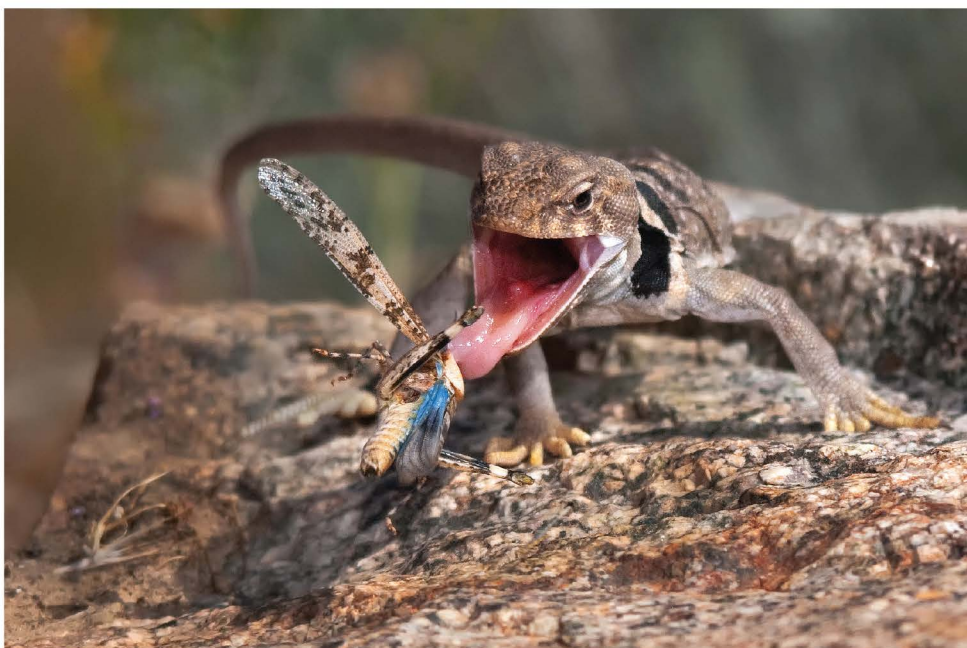


NATURE WINNER ♦ “Bobcat” ♦ Jose Witt, Las Vegas

Witt snapped this image in the southern part of the McCullough Range, a remote area accessible via State Route 164, west of Searchlight. He was driving down a dirt road when the animal darted in front of his vehicle. “At the last moment, the bobcat ran up the other side of the road where there was a hill,” Witt says. “Luckily, the bobcat took a break in the shade long enough for me to attach the telephoto lens, and I got this shot. Ever since, I always drive with my telephoto lens attached to the camera.”



Camera: Sony DSLR-A330
Lens: 75-300 mm
Aperture: f/5.6
Shutter Speed: 1/320
ISO: 400



NATURE RUNNER-UP

“Lunch”

Michael Horsley, Reno

“I was out with a friend in the hills above Sun Valley [north of Reno],” Horsley says, “specifically looking for a collared lizard. We found this one sunning on a rock, so my friend put a flat rock nearby and placed a grasshopper on it. We waited for what seemed like a long time while the lizard studied the grasshopper. When the lizard made its move, I started shooting as fast as the camera would allow.”



Camera: Nikon D80
Lens: Sigma 80-400 mm
Aperture: f/10
Shutter Speed: 1/2500
ISO: 400

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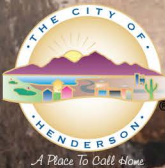
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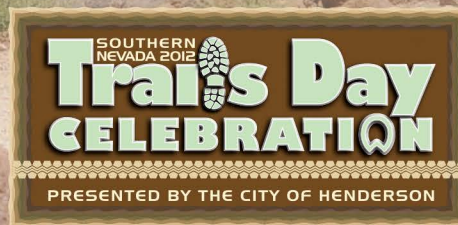
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PEOPLE WINNER

"Road Map of Life"

Larry Turner, Malin, Oregon
larryturnerphotography.com

"We had lost a fuel pump the day before, and we holed up at a Beatty motel for the night," says Turner, who took this portrait in May. "While the vehicle was being repaired, I took a morning walk through Beatty, striking up a conversation with this [local] Fred Reed, who has traveled the back roads of this part of Nevada extensively. A self-proclaimed desert rat, he said he loves the solitariness of the state."



Camera: Canon EOS 5D Mark II
Lens: 24-105 L
Aperture: f/5.6
Shutter Speed: 1/125
ISO: 50



PEOPLE RUNNER-UP

"Splatter it On!"

Polina Raykov, Las Vegas

"Students from all over had a huge paint fight, and it was definitely messy!" says 16-year-old Raykov, who somehow managed to keep her camera clean for this colorful photo of her friends.



Camera: Canon PowerShot
Auto settings



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EVENTS WINNER ♦ “Thunderbirds” ♦ Kristoffer Glenn Pfalmer, Reno ♦ kristofferglenn.com

As a traditional guardsman navigator for the Nevada Air National Guard, based in Reno, Pfalmer—also the Grand Prize winner of this year’s photo contest—is lucky enough to have exclusive access to the Thunderbirds that participate in the annual National Championship Air Races and Air Show. Although the event takes place at neighboring Stead Airport, the Thunderbirds take off and land at Reno-Tahoe International Airport. “We have a ramp next to the passenger terminal,” Pfalmer says. “When the Thunderbirds come to town, they park on our ramp. The color image just didn’t pop, but the black and white really brings out the geometric symmetry of the planes.”



Camera: PENTAX K-7
Lens: 50-135 mm
Aperture: f/2.8
Shutter Speed: 1/3200
ISO: 200



EVENTS RUNNER-UP ♦ “Reno Fireworks” ♦ Mike Lienhard, Reno

This photo of fireworks over downtown Reno was captured at midnight on January 1, 2012. Lienhard enjoyed this scene from University Ridge Park. “It’s probably one of the best vantage points to see the Reno skyline,” he says, “and you don’t have to deal with the crowds downtown.” Lienhard is the only 2012 contest winner to use film (Fujichrome Velvia). “Old habits die hard, I guess,” he says, adding that film has a look and feel that he prefers.



Camera: Nikon F100
Lens: 80-200 mm
Aperture: f/8
Shutter Speed: 10-15
ISO: 100



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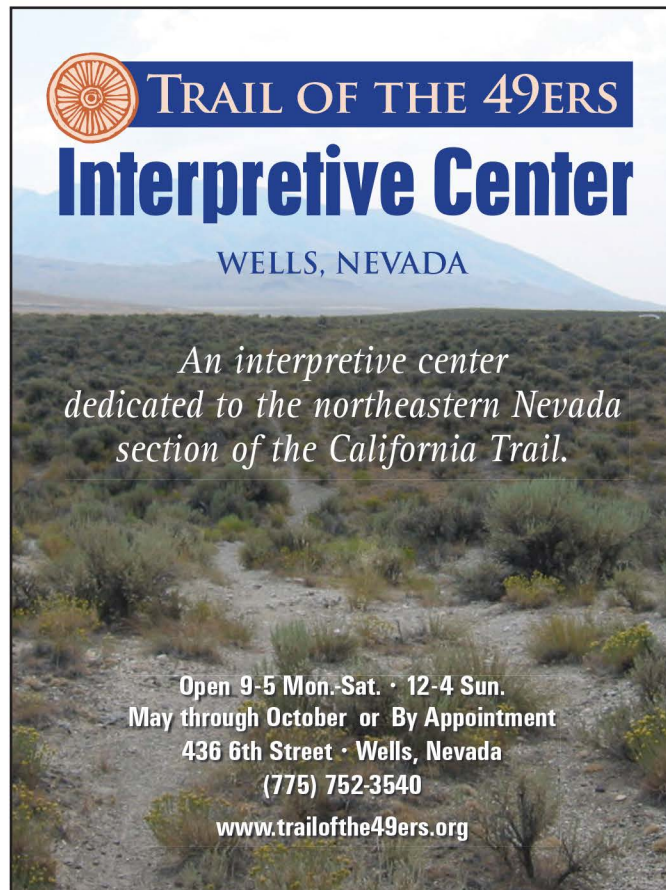

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION WINNER ♦ “Balloons” ♦ Mauricio Reyes-Gomez, Las Vegas ♦ caravanblur.tumblr.com

Reyes-Gomez and his girlfriend, Ewelina Mikos, make treasure out of other people’s trash—what they call low-budget photography projects. “We started collecting things people throw away or leave behind to develop low-cost photography sessions,” he says. “I saw the Valentine’s Day balloons in the trash, my girlfriend made the balloon dress, and we went out to Bonnie Springs Ranch.” Reyes-Gomez used the Nevada wind you can always count on to get the balloons in perfect position in front of the sun. “I was lucky to capture the sun sparks through the balloons; it gives the picture a magic touch,” he adds. He used Lightroom 3.2 to get the “300” (movie) effect.



Camera: Nikon D90
Lens: 18-105 mm
Aperture: f/22
Shutter Speed: 1/160
ISO: 200

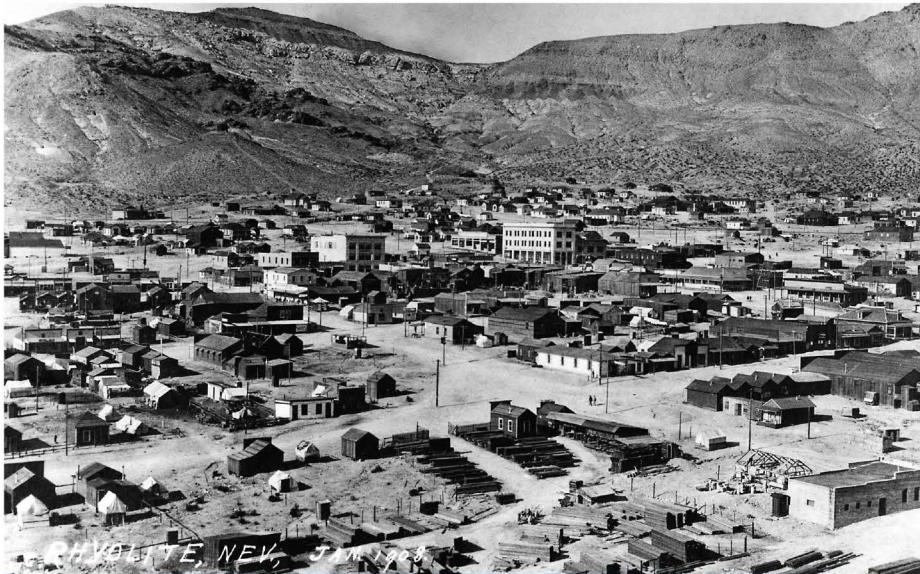


PHOTO ILLUSTRATION RUNNER-UP ♦ “Strega” ♦ Kristoffer Glenn Pfalmer, Reno ♦ kristofferglenn.com

Pfalmer’s job with the Nevada Air National Guard (see page 64) also grants him exclusive access to the planes of Reno’s National Championship Air Races and Air Show at Stead Airport. “I arrived before dawn and then, just as the sun was coming up, I was lucky enough to have Strega towed out to the ramp for an early-morning test run,” he says. “The clouds at the top of the frame, by chance, mirror the shape of the airplane, and the contrail running through the photo gives a foreshadow of future speed.” Pfalmer used an HDR program to help transform the flat-looking silhouetted airplane into a more three-dimensional appearance.



Camera: PENTAX K-7
Lens: 50-135 mm F2.8 ED
Aperture: f/2.8
Shutter Speed: 1/1250
ISO: 200



THEN & NOW WINNER

"Rhyolite Then & Now"

Mark Holloway, Beatty

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"I enjoy the challenge of doing these 'before and after' photos," Holloway says. "It brings satisfaction finding the exact spot where another photographer stood more than 100 years ago." The history photo shows Rhyolite, now a popular ghost town, as it was during its boom years in January 1908.



Camera: Kodak Z612

Auto settings



THEN & NOW RUNNER-UP

"Montgomery Shoshone"

Mark Holloway, Beatty

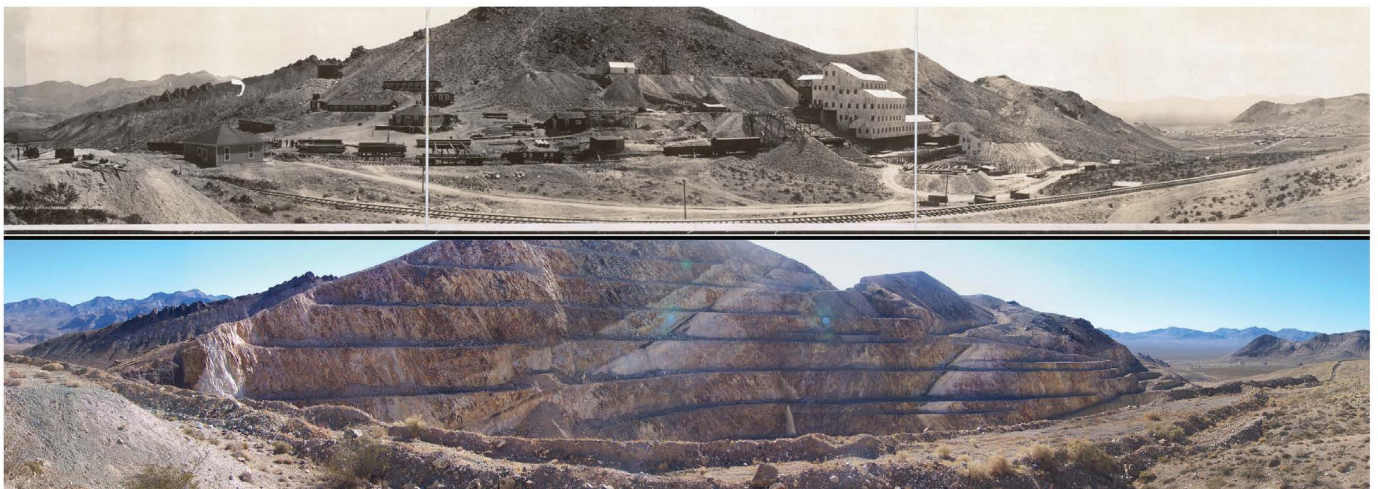
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The Montgomery Shoshone mill and mining claim was located between Beatty and Rhyolite. It was owned by Ernest Alexander "Bob" Montgomery, who was also one of the founders of the town of Beatty. A spur from the Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad served the mill and is seen in the black-and-white photo (below). In the 1980s, this site became an open-pit mine. The 1907 photo is courtesy of the California Panorama Company of Los Angeles.



Camera: Kodak Z612

Auto settings





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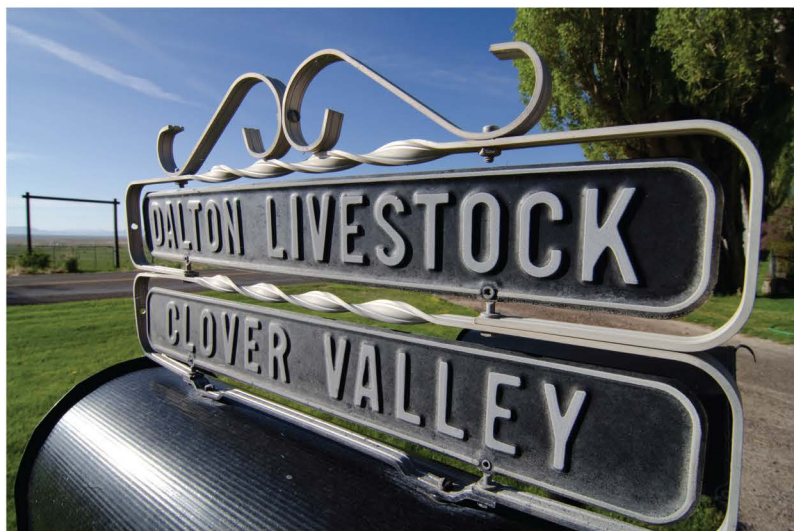
Ranching has been an integral part of Nevada's culture for longer than Nevada has been a state (148 years). What's more, some ranches that pre-date statehood still exist, owned and operated by the same families that originally homesteaded them. In a state typified by short-lived booms and ruinous busts, it is no small feat that such places have stood the test of time, and the Nevada Centennial Ranch and Farm Awards Program honors and celebrates ranchers' hard work and dedication. "It's not a job," says Cameron Dalton of the 120-year-old Dalton Ranch. "It's a way of life."

More than 40 ranches and farms in Nevada are officially recognized as having been in the same family for a century or more. In June, Lake Tahoe photographer Rachid Dahnoun visited a handful of Nevada's centennial ranches to learn more about them and photograph the men and women responsible for their longevity.

DALTON RANCH

Just south of Wells in northeastern Nevada's Clover Valley, what is today known as Dalton Ranch was first homesteaded in 1870. The ranch came under the ownership of the Dalton family in 1892 after spending some time in the 1880s as a stage and freight stop for wagons, according to Dani Dalton. Dani and her husband, Brad Dalton, own the ranch and look after its 800 head of cattle and 15,000 acres (30,000 counting Bureau of Land Management property they use) with the help of their sons, Jay and Cameron, and several ranch hands. Dani says Jay and Cameron represent the family's fifth generation of Nevada ranchers. "We are pretty proud of that," she says. "Ranching families are becoming a thing of the past."

The dramatic East Humboldt Range (right) provides a picturesque backdrop for Brad Dalton's (opposite page, top right) Dalton Ranch. Brad's son, Cameron (opposite page, top left), is closely involved in the ranch's operations. Preceding pages: Cattle at Dalton Ranch are roped and tied before they can be branded.





"It's not a job. It's a way of life."

—Cameron Dalton, Dalton Ranch





Springtime at Dalton Ranch means, among other things, branding, earmarking, vaccinating, and castrating. Trevor Zimmerman holds a cow down while Dani Dalton (pink) prepares to brand it (above). Cameron Dalton (right) isolates cows to ready them for branding and vaccination. Opposite page: Branding isn't as painful for the animals as the billows of smoke (top) would suggest, and vaccinations (bottom) keep the animals healthy.



DALTON RANCH USES AN OVERTURNED "LAZY" B AS A BRAND.





"The Daltons don't ranch because they have to; they do it because they love it."

—Rachid Dahnoun, Photographer



BEHIND THE LENS

Rachid Dahnoun



SHEA EVANS

When Rachid Dahnoun decided to take on a photography project outside of his comfort zone, his search took him to the ranches of rural Nevada. "I don't photograph portraits (page 78) very much and was looking for a challenge," he says. "I wanted to focus on real people doing real things with a sense of grit." With the help of Liz Warner at the Nevada Centennial Ranch and Farm Awards Program,

Dahnoun gained access to some of Nevada's longest-surviving ranches, all of which—in true Nevada fashion—welcomed him with open arms.

The Lake Tahoe photographer spent a day shooting spring branding, ear-marking, vaccinating, and castrating at the Dalton Ranch in Clover Valley and joined the ranchers for lunch. At Paradise Valley's Stewart's Ninety-Six Ranch, Dahnoun spent a night in the Stewart family's remote mountain cabin before photographing branding at the ranch the next day. "The Stewarts invited several other families to participate...and all of the roping was being done by the kids," he says. "It was wonderful to see how involved the youngsters were. There was a lot of history and tradition being passed down...[and] the kids loved every minute of it." So warm was the reception Dahnoun received in Paradise Valley that the Stewarts—after inviting him to lunch as well—let him stay in their cabin another night before Dahnoun ventured to nearby Ferraro Cattle Company the following morning.

In Yerington, at Snyder Livestock Company, Dahnoun was "fascinated to see the process of modern cattle production" at a facility that, in 2006, installed an electronic feed measurement system that tracks the consumption of each animal down to the mouthful. Like any industry, ranching has evolved with advancing technology. The fact that ranching also maintains close ties to its roots, however, is a unique trait that Dahnoun witnessed firsthand.

Ranch No. 1 proprietor J.B. Lekumberry confirmed Dahnoun's impressions that young ranchers are stepping up to continue Nevada's ranching traditions. "I think the future of agriculture in Carson Valley has a great chance of continuing," Lekumberry says. "There is a younger generation of kids that are ready to take the reins. If you [had] asked me the same thing in the 1980s, I would have told you it was going to hell. Now, I'm optimistic."

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The concept of the next generation taking the reins—proverbially and literally—is pervasive among Nevada ranches, as evidenced by youngsters like Cade Bell eagerly jumping into the day’s work (top) at Stewart’s Ninety-Six Ranch. All that hard, sweaty work translates to big appetites when Kris Stewart’s branding lunch rolls around (above).

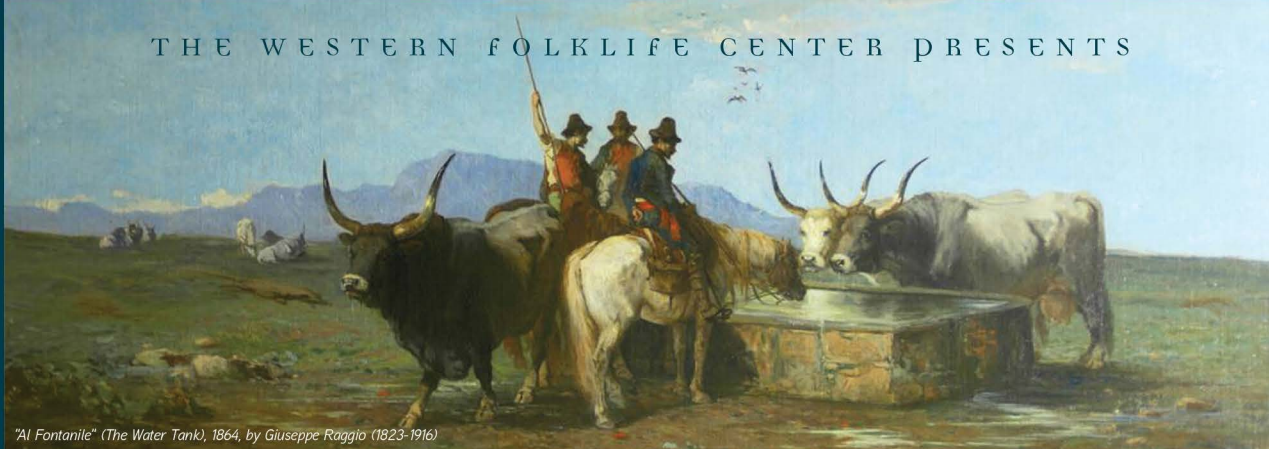
STEWART’S NINETY-SIX RANCH

Fredrick William Stock—Friedrich Wilhelm before he emigrated from Germany in 1853—was drawn west in the late 1850s by the promise of gold in California. After several years in the gold fields and several more as a freighter, Stock settled in Paradise Valley in 1864, the same year Nevada gained statehood. The ranch he founded has remained in the Stock and Stewart family ever since. Today, Stewart’s Ninety-Six Ranch is owned by Fred and Kris Stewart. The couple’s 14-year-old daughter, Patrice, is a fifth-generation Nevada rancher. “Ranching is for her,” Kris says. “And we are hopeful that one day we’ll have a sixth generation on our place.”



STEWART’S NINETY-SIX RANCH’S BRAND TAKES SOME ARTISTIC LICENSE WITH THE NUMBER “96.”

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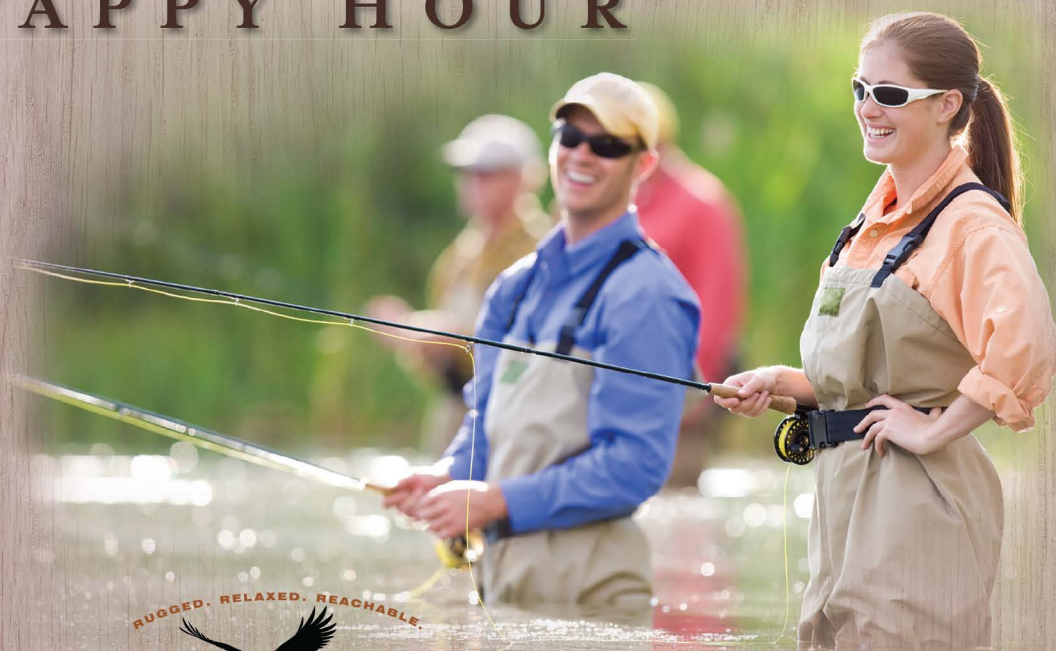
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Stephen Ferraro (above and opposite page) has run the Ferraro Cattle Company since 1992, and, despite his advancing age, has no plans to retire anytime soon. "I don't want to just sit around," he says with a chuckle.

RANCH NO. 1

J.B. Lekumberry's cattle at Genoa's Ranch No. 1 are 100-percent grass-fed and organic. None of the cattle from the ranch, established in 1909, are sent to auction. J.B. and his wife, Lisa, "handle all of them from birth to the dinner table," Dahnoun says.

It's no surprise J.B. pays such devoted attention to the quality of beef the ranch produces; it's occasionally offered as a special at his popular Gardnerville restaurant, JT Basque Bar & Dining Room.

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Yerington's Snyder Livestock Company has been in operation in the Mason Valley since 1887. According to the ranch's website, it has been producing beef cattle for sale at its 4,000-head feedlot since the 1960s. The ranch also specializes in the sale of purebred bulls that undergo rigorous testing before the ranch's annual Bulls for the 21st Century sale, typically held in March. Eddie Snyder owns the livestock company and his daughter, Lucy Rechel, has been running the cattle operation since 1999. Taking advantage of the fertile soil of the Mason Valley, the ranch also produces alfalfa, garlic, and onions. Eddie's son, Jim, heads the farming aspects of the ranch.

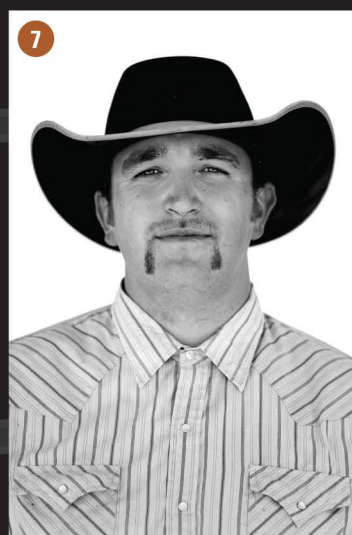
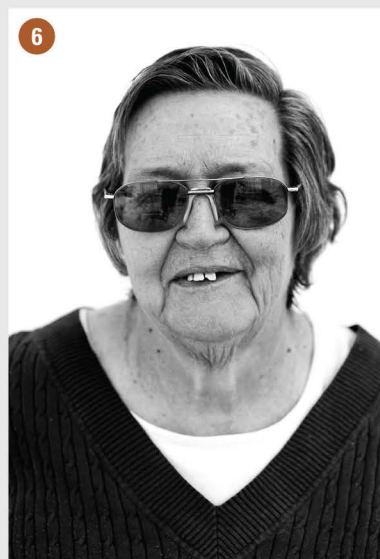
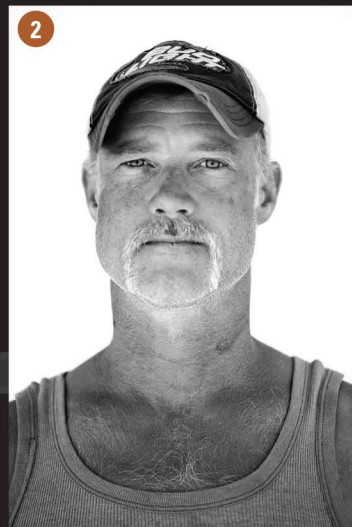
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Livestock weighing is essential to effective range management. Snyder Livestock Company weighs all of its cattle (left).



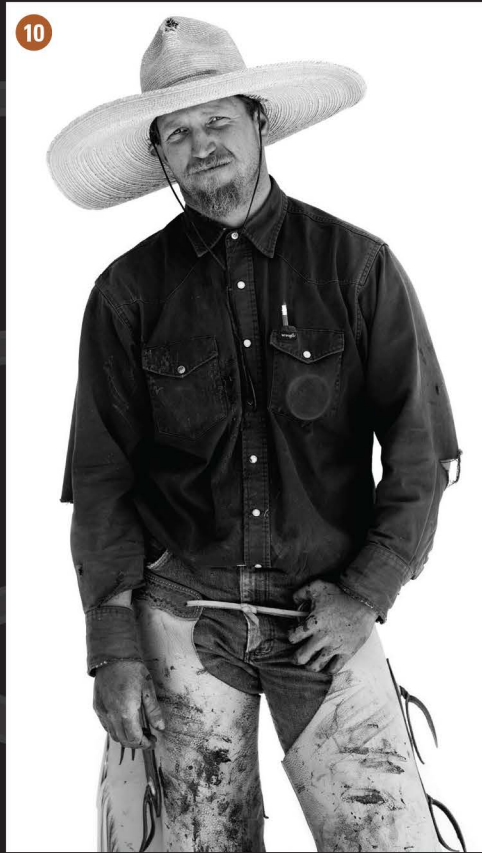
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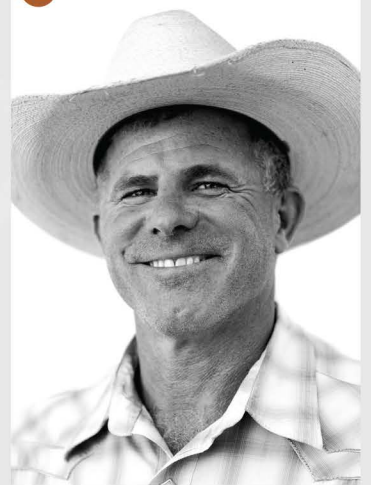
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- 1: Brad and Dani Dalton, Dalton Ranch
- 2: Trevor Zimmerman, employed by Dalton Ranch
- 3: Patrice Stewart, Ninety-Six Ranch
- 4: Cameron Dalton, Dalton Ranch
- 5: Stephen "Steve" Ferraro, Ferraro Cattle Company
- 6: Mildred Ferraro, Ferraro Cattle Company
- 7: Payton Peltier, employed by Dalton Ranch
- 8: Megan Miller, friend of Ninety-Six Ranch
- 9: Fred Stewart, Ninety-Six Ranch
- 10: Paul T. Herrington, employed by Ninety-Six Ranch
- 11: Eddie Snyder, Snyder Livestock Company
- 12: J.B. Lekumberry, Ranch No. 1
- 13: (right to left) John, Cade, Jhona, Trase, and Quint Bell, friends of Ninety-Six Ranch

Beautiful Wilson Canyon

That's what photographer Richard Massey calls it, anyway. "The best time for photography is late afternoon, when the warm color of the sun bounces off the canyon walls," Massey says. "The shadows are soft at this time, and the canyon takes on a golden glow. This is also the best time for fishing."

This, believe it or not, is Massey himself (see photo credit) fishing the West Walker River, accessible via State Route 208 southwest of Yerington. "A radio-control device activated the camera for this self-portrait," he says.

PHOTO BY RICHARD MASSEY

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